Information on Hamilton Ridge

This case (Joseph M. Lawton versus Reuben H. Tison) was appealed and sent to another court - which is the reason the records were not destroyed.

Page 1 - witness - Benjamin R. Bostwick (actually Bostick) (1791-1866) stated that he managed Hamilton Ridge for several years beginning in 1819 when the plantation was the estate of Capt. William Maner (1754-1819). Benjamin Bostick was William Maner's son-in-law, having married his daughter Jane Asenath Maner in 1819, several months before Capt. Maner died. Benjamin Bostick also stated that Hamilton Ridge then went into the possession of Capt. Maner's son Samuel Maner (1807-1857) and then into the possession of W. M. Riley.

Pages 1 and 2 - witness - Edmund Martin (1794-1871) stated that Hamilton Ridge first belonged to the estate of Capt. William Maner and then to Samuel Maner, succeeded by William Riley

Edmund Martin also was William Maner's son-in-law, having married his daughter Mary Ann Maner.

Page 2 - witness - William Morgandollar Riley stated that he was the owner of Hamilton Ridge from the spring of 1832 until the close of 1847, and the place was previously owned by Samuel Maner. William Riley also was Capt. Maner's son-in-law, having married his youngest daughter, Elizabeth, in 1829.

Page 3 - witness - William Francis Maner (1816-1901) was the grandson of Capt. William Maner, the son of Maj. John Seth Maner (1785-1852) and the first cousin of William Morgandollar Riley through their mothers, who were Morgandollar sisters.

Page 4 - witness - Dr. Edward Riley was the brother of William M. Riley and the first cousin of William F. Maner.

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S.C.App.Law 1859.

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***1** BEFORE MONRO, J., AT BEAUFORT, FALL TERM, 1858.

The report of his Honor, the presiding Judge, is as follows:

"This was an action on the case for an alleged obstruction by the defendant of a right of way of the plaintiff.

The proof was that the plaintiff was the owner of a tract of land in Beaufort District, called Hamilton Ridge, from which there extended an old road called the "Daniel's Ford Road," through and over lands of Major Maner and of the defendant to a public landing and public highway in the district.

Benjamin R. Bostwick said that he was now in his sixty-seventh year; that he had known Hamilton Ridge from the year 1819; managed the plantation for one or two years, beginning with 1819; that the Daniel's Ford Road then appeared to be an old road, and the only road leading to the plantation. The plantation, when **witness** managed it, was the estate of Mr. Wm. Maner, and it went into the possession of his son, Samuel Maner. Riley succeeded S. Maner, and **witness** thinks he, Riley, used the Road, but **witness** was not on it-Joseph Lawton succeeded Riley. The place has been planted every year, and **witness** knew of no other road to get out, except around by the Hudson's Ferry Road, fifteen or twenty miles around. In 1819, the old road was used to carry out cotton from the plantation. The **witness** could not say how old the road was, but, from appearance, it must have been ten or fifteen years old.

"The **witness**, on cross-examination, said: that he used the road on horseback, and cannot say he ever saw a wagon upon it; that there was another which the plaintiff could use, which passed through Maner's plantation into the Augusta Road, but this was a private road belonging to the Maners, and could only be used by their permission.

Edmund Martin said that he knew the Hamilton

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Ridge plantation over thirty years ago. No one planted it when he first knew it. It belonged first to the estate of Captain William Maner, and then to Samuel Maner. The Ridge and McPherson's place adjoining are out of the way, and there is no other way to get out but the road spoken of by Bostwick. Hamilton Ridge was planted by witness in 1825, '26 or '27. The road was used for carrying out produce, &c., thirty years ago, and used many years. It was the only way, except the Hudson's Ferry Road, which was over twenty miles and more out of the way. Samuel Maner had Hamilton Ridge after the time to which witness has spoken above, but he cannot say exactly when-a year or two after witness planted it-he used the road in the same way. Samuel Maner had no other road, and planted the Ridge seven or eight years. Riley succeeded Maner, and planted it many years; eight or nine years, and perhaps more.

Wm. M. Riley, who was examined by commission, said that he had been the owner of Hamilton Ridge from the spring of 1832 to the close of 1847. The place was previously owned by Samuel Maner. He knew the Daniel's Ford Road from 1828. It was a road leading from Hamilton Ridge through and over land of Clarkson, Mrs. C. Maner, estate of John Tison, R. H. Tison, estate of Wm. Maner, falling into the road to Para Chuckla landing-it was a carriage, horse and footway. It was an old road in 1828, had every appearance of being as old a road as any in the country. When witness first knew this road, there was a small field on the estate of John Tison's land, which had been enlarged by defendant as administrator of John Tyson, so as to take in a small portion of the road, thereby causing a slight error in the road; this was done, as **witness** was informed, by Samuel Maner, then the owner of Hamilton Ridge, with his permission. This did not hinder the continuous use of the road.

***2** There was no alteration of the way from **witness's** first acquaintance with it in 1828 until 1847. In 1847, there was a proposition made to **witness** by defendant to change a part of the old road so that it would run less through the centre of his lands, to which **witness** consented. The new part was staked out by defendant in person, and **witness** had it made. During **witness's** occupation of the plantation, the repairs necessary to causeways, &c., were made of materials most convenient, and from appearances, this has been the custom of the former occupants. The late Samuel Maner had the free and uninterrupted use of the said old road, from the time of his coming into possession of the property, which was in the year of 1828, or before. The old road was known and recognized by all the neighborhood as the only road to Hamilton Ridge. It was a matter of public notoriety that the Daniel's Ford Road was the only carriage way leading from the Para Chuckla Road to Hamilton Ridge. This witness further says, that he considered his title to said old road as established by prescriptive right, that he never relinquished it, and that when he permitted the change in the old road to be made, the new part was in lieu of so much of the old.

On the cross-examination, the witness says, that he conveyed said plantation to the plaintiff in the year 1847 or '48 that he did not make a separate conveyance of a right of way to the plaintiff, nor refuse to do so. That he has no recollection of having said any thing relative to a way over defendant's land, nor did he say which way plaintiff was entitled to; he regarded the old road as the established road leading to and from Hamilton Ridge, and the new part as only a variation to accommodate defendant, and with the plantation he considered the right of way conveyed; that he remembers the plantation and road as far back as the time of Mr. Samuel Maner's taking possession, which was in 1827 or 1828. Witness owned the plantation fifteen years, and remembers it as far back as above stated, because he was intimate with the proprietor and used to visit him. The witness further says, that the defendant, Tyson, never conveyed to him a road through his lands; that he never proposed to purchase from defendant, nor did defendant ever refuse to sell to him any road or right of way; that he is not aware that defendant had any land over which said road passes, unless it be a narrow strip between the estate of Tison's land and the estate of Captain Wm. Maner's land, which was never obstructed, or the right of way over it disputed; **witness** never did purchase the right to pass over the lands now in dis-

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pute, and which forms a part of the old road; the heirs of John Tison voluntarily executed to **witness** a **deed** relinquishing the part of the road which had been inclosed by the defendant as administrator during their **minority**, and by their own personal act restored the road to its original shape. **Witness** used the new road from the time of its construction until his removal as a carriage and footway. The way by McKenzie's was used occasionally by permission only, when the causeways on this road were made impassible by high water. He says that he did use the old road and the new, as a way from his plantation to church, and to the court house; that he did repair the old road and made the new part of it, that he does not remember any threat on the part of the defendant, and never heard that his right to the new part or the old was by favor of the defendant. He further says, that there was a proposition, on the part of the defendant, to change that part of the old road, which ran over lands, formerly belonging to the estate of John Tison, and, subsequently, purchased by the defendant, beginning at a point where no one else would be affected and falling into the old road again. This was consented to by **witness**, and regarded as a variation only, and not affecting **witness's** right to the old road; as to requiring a **deed** from defendant, **witness** considered the right of way by the old road as beyond question, and that **witness** had no more right to demand a **deed** from defendant, than defendant had to demand one from **witness**, to secure his right of way from his plantation over lands formerly the estate of William Maner's, then **witness's**. Knows of no grant to any part of the old road; that he never abandoned said road. This **witness** inclosed a diagram, showing the road and the plantations through which it passed.

*3 *William F. Maner* says, he is forty-two years old; he recollects the road since 1832; has travelled it frequently, and also within four or five months a portion of it; recognized it recently at the upper end, to a fence on the line of Tison, and then down the fence on the line to the new road. Riley used, occasionally, a road through the field of witness's father, when the travel on the other road was prevented by high water. He drove his stock, and his negroes passed along the old road. There was once a small field at Little Boggy, across the old road, but there was a way round. Two years ago there was no fence, there were pines in the old field, not very large, but not particularly noticed by witness. Has been on the road since 1832, and recollects no field when he first knew it; recollects the field some ten or fifteen years ago. There is a graveyard near Little Boggy, and no obstruction on the road thence to Para Chuckla. The new road falls into Maner's Road, and then along it two hundred yards across a causeway into the Daniel's Ford Road, and thence to plaintiff's plantation. Riley, a few years before he left, constructed a causeway from Daniel's Ford, in the direction of the new road, this he afterwards abandoned and opened lower into Maner's road with consent of Maner. From Para Chuckla to Hamilton Ridge, the Daniel's Ford Road, passed first by John R. Bostwick, then by Stafford, Elizabeth Maner, R. H. Tison, estate of Wm. Tison, Clarkson, (John S. Maner's) then to Hamilton Ridge, and then to Gregories' beyond. Witness's father's field in 1835 or 1836 crossed Daniel's Ford Road at a corner, and a road was opened around it, the fence was not placed there to obstruct the road. A fence has been put across the road, for the purpose of watering cattle, within the last four or five years.

On the cross-examination, this witness said that he did not recollect Riley's using the Daniel's Ford Road since 1832. He described a road used by Riley from 1832 through his (witness's) father's. Witness's father first fixed the road, and Riley assisted in keeping it up, and used it. Does not remember to have seen Riley use the new road. There is now a fence across Daniel's Ford Road, near Maner's Road; has been kept there about five years; when he first traveled Daniel's Ford Road, it was a poor road, can't say there was any fence across it when he first knew it; has passed over it more than one hundred times; can't say if any one used the road continuously for ten years, or any one for twenty years. As between the two roads spoken of on each side of the new road, there is no great difference in distance to Para Chuckla. It was six months ago when witness examined the road.

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On re-examination, he says, when he first knew the Daniel's Ford Road, there was no other road for Samuel Maner or Riley. He travelled the road in 1835, on horseback.There was a fence across it in 1835 or 1836, and a field planted. He thinks he left the fence there in 1843.

***4** The old field is still there; the fence when first seen appeared to be one or two years old, the field was planted in cotton. Riley could not have used the road in 1835; he generally used the road through Maner's. There was a road around, turning out of the Daniel's Ford Road before getting to the fence; there were wagon tracks; but they quit it.

The testimony for the defence, was as follows: Seth S. Dupuis, says that he knows Hamilton ridge; knew Daniel's Ford Road in the Fall of 1831. It was used for Hamilton Ridge plantation in 1832; witness left in December, 1832, saw the road next in 1835. It was not then open. The estate of Tison had a field fence across the road; field fifteen or twenty acres. The estate of Tison was under the management of R. H. Tison. The field was planted in 1836, fence up, not removed in 1843. Riley lived part of the time at Hamilton Ridge, which he owned, used Clarkson's road, which is now the Maner Road, from 1835 to 1843; he describes it on the plat. Major Maner, in 1837, obstructed the Daniel's Ford Road. Being cross-examined, he says, he does not know that the fence was put there by permission of Maner. Does not know under what circumstances, nor what way to get out of Hamilton Ridge. The fence was six or seven hundred yards in length.

Dr. Edward Riley, says that he is the brother of William Riley of Georgia. Knows Hamilton Ridge; saw his brother on Hamilton Ridge, in 1835. The last time he saw him there was in 1844. On the last occasion he crossed Boggy Gut causeway in company with him. On their return from the plantation, his brother took him through a nearer way. He said to witness that he would take him over the Daniel's Ford Road, which road he said he could not keep up alone. He said he had permission given him to travel Clarkson's Road, which was not over Tison's land. On the Daniel's Ford Road, they caught a runaway negro, presently they came to a fence across the road; William Riley said this is Tison's fence; witness held the negro, while his brother pulled the fence. William Riley put up the fence again. They went up and delivered the negro to Mr. Tison, and then returned to the road. They found a new clearing. They pulled another fence on their way to his brother's house. These fences enclosed a field, in December, 1835. The field was planted in that year. The fence appeared to be new. They rode through Maner's plantation, in 1844. They went through McKenzie's, through the Clarkson Road. Witness's brother made an agreement in 1844, with Major Maner, to make the causway on the Maner Road, and used McKenzie's Road in 1844.

Conversed with his brother since the trial in Spring between Tison and Lawton for a trespass, and told him what he, witness, testified and what he intended to testify, and his brother said it was all right. Never spoke to him about the McKenzie Road. In 1847, his brother told him that he and Tison had agreed about a new road. Spoke to him of an agreement in 1847, but left no impression on witness's mind, whether the road was demanded as a right, or granted as a favor. Witness knew of this dispute about the right of way ever since 1852, the very year after the possession of Hamilton Ridge by Riley.

***5** *Cross-examined.*-The fence was across the Daniel's Ford Road in 1835.

John McKenzie says, that he knew the Daniel's Ford Road for fifteen years. He knew William Riley. Mr. Riley used in all that time the Clarkson or Maner Road; used it as long as he owned Hamilton Ridge. The Daniel's Ford Road was still blocked up in 1847 or 1848. Riley used the Road, through his mother's land, (the McKenzie Road,) by permission for ten years. Has seen a negro on foot, but no wagon on Daniel's Ford Road for fifteen years. Saw one of Riley's negroes on the Daniel's Ford Road once in that time. Saw Lawton use the Clarkson or Maner Road, one year after he owned Hamilton Ridge. Lawton improved the new road through Tison's, and used the Clarkson Road until then.

Col. John A. Tison says, he is the son of the defendant in this case. Knows the Daniel's Ford Road. Always since he knew it, up to 1852, it had a fence across it. Heard his father, in 1841 or 1842, tell

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Wm. Riley he should not use the Daniel's Ford Road. Said that if he, Riley, ever used that road, it would be over his, Tison's, dead body. The old fence across the Daniel's Ford Road was burned in 1852. There are no marks of use on the Daniel's Ford Road since 1852. Witness was not at home when the new road was opened. Saw track of new road laid out; does not know by whom. (Describes it on the plat.) Riley moved from Hamilton Ridge, in 1847. He, Riley, lived at Hamilton Ridge ever since witness could remember up to that time. He used the road through McKenzie's up to 1847. The new road was opened before Riley removed to Georgia. Witness's attention was called to the road in 1848. The road was cut before he saw it. The new road penetrates his father's woodlands. Has known his father to haul timber over it. Does not know who opened it. In 1848 witness was at Mr. Lawton's house. He, Lawton, wished to exchange some land with witness's father. They at that time conversed about the new road. He, Lawton, alluded to the new road, and said he had been authorized by Riley to offer seven hundred dollars for the road. Witness knows there is a public road near Lawton's plantation, Hamilton Ridge, and runs through part of his land. This road runs from the Augusta Road to Hutson Ferry Road, about one and a half miles from Augusta Road to Lawton's land. Mr. Lawton's house is within sight of this road. Difference of distance by this road with the Augusta, and then down to the Para Chuckla Road, and on to Mr. Lawton's summer house, on the Para Chuckla landing, and the lands claimed by Mr. Lawton is about, witness supposes, three and a half miles. But Martin's landing, on the Savannah river, is nearer to Mr. Lawton's, from Hamilton Ridge, than the Para Chuckla landing, and the new public road leads to Martin's landing. The old Daniel's Ford Road leads through unenclosed woodlands and except the small field of fifteen or twenty acres cleared up in 1835, there was no cleared land or enclosure on the road. The road is now completely overgrown in trees and under-brush. Some very large trees in this road. Could with difficulty ride through it on horseback. **Witness's** father purchased from the young Tisons when they became of age. (Mr. Tison's title **deeds** here introduced.) One dated December 16, 1841, the other dated January 7, 1843.

***6** Record in *Tison* v. *Lawton*, Trespass, at Spring Term, 1858, (Verdict for the Plaintiff) was now introduced in evidence.

Copy ***Deeds*** from the young Tisons (James and Henry) conveying the old Daniel's Ford Road to Wm. Riley, were now introduced and admitted by the plaintiff, Mr. Lawton.

James Dupuis was in defendant's employ for seven years; left six years ago. Commenced in 1845 and left in 1852. The Daniel's Ford Road was then planted over. Saw no wagons, cart, &c., pass that way. They could not pass, but if they could, he would have forbidden it. Witness knows Mr. Lawton, the plaintiff, and saw him working the road across Maner's land, about a year after he left Tison's employ. Witness saw Mr. Lawton working the road on Maner's land, and he said to witness that "working a road gave a man a title."

"There is a graveyard near the Daniel's Ford Road and road leading from Daniel's Ford Road to graveyard. Must travel the Daniel's Ford road to get to it, about one hundred and fifty yards from the road; the graveyard is a private one and belongs to the Tison family.

Richard Davis says he lives in St. Peter's Parish, near Hamilton Ridge, and is well acquainted with all the roads. His place joins Hamilton Ridge. Witness knows the new public road from the Augusta Road to the Savannah River, in the direction of Hudson's Ferry. It runs partly through Hamilton Ridge. From Lawton's through new road, about one mile and a half. The boats on the river consider Martin's Landing good.

The Hudson Ferry Road new and unfinished. To reach this road Mr. Lawton would have to go over his land in a lane between witness's land and Mr. Lawton. Witness is not certain that Lawton's land is on the Hudson Ferry Road, but thinks so.

Mr. Stafford was directed, as overseer, by Mr. Riley, to cut a road from Riley's plantation, Hamilton Ridge, to another road near Hamilton Ridge, about one hundred yards.

William Johnson knows the Daniel Ford Road. Went over it with Colonel Tison lately; old road

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hardly visible; trees in the road and in the field. The road appears long abandoned, about fifteen or twenty years. Large trees outside of the old road, saplings in the road. Forms his judgment from logs, &c., across the road, and want of signs of road.

John McKenzie, recalled, testifies that Mr. Riley used the Clarkson and McKenzie Road for carrying produce to market in 1847.

IN REPLY.

Clarkson and *McKenzie*, road private and used by consent.

I charged the jury that a right of way could not be prescribed for over uninclosed lands by use; that this seemed to me not a way by necessity; that in my opinion the new road was not a mere deviation from the old road, but in fact a separate road, and if the jury came to the same conclusion from the evidence, then the new road could only be substituted for the old, by grant, and could not *be acquired by parol*. The jury found for the defendant."

***7** The plaintiff appealed, and now moved this Court for a new trial on the grounds:

1. Because it is respectfully submitted that his Honor erred in charging the jury that the plaintiff could not acquire a right of way by prescription over uninclosed lands.

2. Because his Honor erred in charging the jury that the new part of the road was not a mere deviation from the old, but a substituted road.

3. Because his Honor erred in charging the jury that the plaintiff could only acquire a title to the new part of the road by grant, and not by parol.

4. Because the substitution of the new part of the road for the old, was the act of the defendant, and to allow him to take advantage of it, is a fraud upon the plaintiff.

5. Because his Honor erred in charging the jury that the plaintiff had not a way by necessity.

Fickling, for appellant, cited *Jeter* vs. *Mann*, 2 Hill, 644;*Smith* vs. *Kinard*, 2 Hill, 642.

De Treville and *Pope*, contra.

The opinion of the Court was delivered by O'NEALL, J.

In this case the judge below tells us that he did not say to the jury, "that a right of way could not be prescribed for over uninclosed land by use."It seems that the report was drawn by the appellant's counsel, and presented to the judge for signature, when he had no opportunity of examining it. Hence the error in stating his charge escaped his observation. His charge was, that "a right of way over uninclosed lands could only be prescribed for by showing an *adverse* use."This statement of the law was right, and has the sanction of all our cases from *Smith* vs. *Kinard*, 2 Hill, 642. This, however, does not mean more than that some act showing that the way was claimed by the party in his own right, as where the road was cut out in the beginning, or where it was occasionally worked upon, besides being used.

The law being laid down correctly to the jury, the facts as to the use of the Daniel's Ford Road were to be passed upon by them both as to the prescription, and also, as to the abandonment of it. We understand from the judge below, that the contest really was as to the new road, and that the Daniel's Ford Road was conceded to have been abandoned.

Looked at in that way, I have no difficulty in the case. For then the new road could not have been substituted. If, however, the Daniel's Ford Road had been one for which the plaintiff's right by prescription existed and the new road had been substituted for it, I would have supported the plaintiff's right to it, without any writing, For the act of opening it, I would have regarded as a dedication to the use of the plaintiff, instead of the old way.

But it is unnecessary to further pursue this matter. The Daniel's Ford Road *not existing* there could be no substitute.

The motion is dismissed.

WARDLAW, WITHERS, WHITNER and GLOVER, JJ., concurred.

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IV

LAWTON OF LAWTON

(Harl. 1424, fo. 85)

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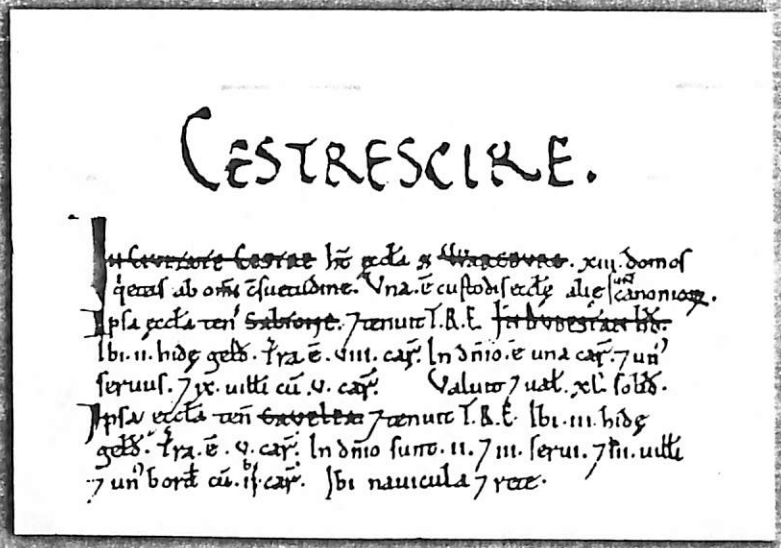
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10 Hugh of Delamere holds

In CHESTER Hundred

1 OVERLEIGH. from Earl Hugh. Leofwin held it. 1 virgate of land paying tax.
2 villagers and 1 smallholder with ½ plough.
Value before 1066, 10s; now 8s; found waste.

Hugh also holds

2 HANDBRIDGE. Leofwin held it. 1 carucate of land paying tax.
2 smallholders have ½ plough.
The value was and is 3s.

3 'REDCLIFF'. Gunner held it. A third part of 1 hide paying tax. In lordship 1 plough, with 2 ploughmen. Waste when acquired.
Value before 1066, 10s; now 6s 8d.

in WIRRAL Hundred

4 CALDY. Erngeat held it; he was a free man. 1 hide paying tax.
Land for 3 ploughs. In lordship 1, with
1 smallholder.
The value was 5s; now 10s.

11 Hugh (son of Norman) holds from the Earl

In NORTHWICH Hundred

1 LAWTON. Godric held it; he was a free man. 1 hide paying tax.
Land for 3 ploughs. Waste.
Woodland 1 league long and 1 wide; meadow, 1 acre.
Value before 1066, 16s.

2 LAWTON. Godric held it. ½ hide paying tax. Land for 3 ploughs. Waste.
Woodland 2 leagues long and 1 wide.
Value before 1066, 20s.

3 BYLEY. Godric, Godwin and Arkell held it as 3 manors; they were free. 1 hide paying tax. Land for 2 ploughs.
2 riders and 2 smallholders have 1 plough.
Meadow, 2 acres; woodland, 2 acres.
Value before 1066, 10s; now as much.

4 GOOSTREY. Godric held it; he was a free man. 3 virgates of land paying tax. Land for 1½ ploughs. It is and always was waste.

† *(Insert 11,5 - 11,8, entered below after 12,4)*

This indenture made the fourteenth day of August in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign lord, Charles, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, and year of the Saviour 1641 between John Lawton of Lawton in the County of Chesshire, Esquire, upon the one part, and Robert Pickering of Buddeleigh within the Lordship of Baltonley in the County of Stafford, yeoman, upon the other part, witnesseth that whereas that cottage or tenement situate lying and being in Buddeleigh aforesaid within the said Lordship of Baltonley in the said County of Stafford and within the power of Barsomley wherein the said Robert Pickering and Margaret Pickering, widow, his mother, do now inhabit and dwell and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments with them and every of their appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining were heretofore the inheritance of George Wood, Esquire, deceased, after and by reason of whose decease, the said cottage or tenement and land aforesaid with their appurtenances descended and came to one Marie Wood, sole daughter of the said George, from whom the same descended and came to the five co-heirs of the said Marie, by four whereof the said five co-heirs were seized of the premises in their domicile as of fee in co-pensionerie the inheritance of four parts whereof in five parts equally divided or to be divided by purchase of the same Robert Pickering from four of the co-heirs or the heirs and assigns of them or any of them are lawfully descended and come to the said Robert Pickering and his heirs, and whereas the fifth part of the premises with their appurtenances in five parts equally divided or to be divided by purchase or descent it now lawfully descended or came to the said John Lawton and his heirs, and there being hitherto no deed of partition, division or separation made of the premises for the said five co-heirs of the same Marie Wood, now the said John Lawton and Robert Pickering for divers good reasons have made partition, division and separation of the premises, and by these presents do make partition, division and separation of the same in manner and form following, that is to say, first it is covenanted, granted and agreed upon by and between the said parties and the same Robert Pickering for himself, his heirs and assigns doth covenant and grant, conclude and agree to and with the said John Lawton, his heirs and assigns by these presents, that they and every of them shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy severally and dividedly for his and their said fifth part property and portion of and in the said lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances aforesaid the two several parcels of land hereafter mentioned, that is to say, the Broadfield and the Bach being now in the possession of the said Robert Pickering, and the said Robert Pickering doth covenant and grant for himself, his heirs and assigns to and with the said John Lawton, his heirs and assigns that they and every of them shall enjoy the said two parcels of land and every of the appurtenances severally and dividedly with the usual and accustomed way and ways thereunto formerly belonging without the molestation, interruption or eviction of the said Robert Pickering or of any other person or persons claiming by from or under him, and the said John Lawton

(continued)

Walter T. Lawton
1328 Ponce De Leon Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 6, Ga.

for him, his heirs and assigns doth covenant and grant, conclude and agree to and with with the said Robert Pickering, his heirs and assigns by these presents that they and every of them shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy for his and their part, property and portion of the premises with their appurtenances severally and dividedly from the aforesaid parcel of land before particularly specified all the aforesaid cottage or tenement and all houses, edifices, buildings, yards, orchards, and gardens thereto belonging and every part thereof, the said Robert Pickering paying to the said John Lawton in lieu andconsideration thereof the sum of four pounds, thirteen shillings, four pence of lawful money of England, whereof the said John Lawton doth by these presents acknowledge the full receipt and doth acquit and discharge thereof and of every part thereof the said Robert Pickering and his heirs forever and all the rest and residue of the lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances lying and belonging to the said cottage or tenement or usually occupied therewith other than the said two parcels of land particularly mentioned and by these presents allotted for the part and property of the said John Lawton, his heirs and assigns, and the said John Lawton doth covenant and grant for him, his heirs and assigns to and with the said Robert Pickering, his heirs and assigns by these presents, that they and every of them shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy severally and dividedly all land, cottage or tenement, houses, buildings, yards, orchards, gardens, and all the said rest and residue of the said lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances, other than the said two parcels of land before particularly named and mentioned with the usual and accustomed way and ways thereunto formerly belonging without the molestation, interruption or eviction of the said John Lawton or his heirs or any person or persons claiming from by or under him, and it is lastly covenanted and granted, concluded and agreed upon by and between the said parties that the said John Lawton and his heirs and assigns shall and will forever hereafter pay and discharge all taxation, assessments and demands due and demanded by or from the premises to the King and Church, as one proportionable only to so much of the said lands and premises as we by these presents allowed and allotted unto him the said John Lawton, his heirs and assigns, anything done to the contrary notwithstanding, in witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these presents interchangeably have put their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

BARNWELL, JR NA

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MRS. W.B. LAWTON C.7779
to
Renty F. Greaves

Personally came Mary Dunn. Widow. to me well known. who executed the aforegoing Deed in my presence. and acknowledged it to be her free Act and deed for the uses and purposes therein Stated. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal at the City of Savannah Georgia. the day and year aforesaid.

(Seal)

Levi S. Russell - Commissioner of Deeds &c for the State of South Carolina residing at Savannah Georgia.

Recorded this 21st day of November A.D. 1874 and Certified by Hk. Judd R.M.C.

The United States
To
Heirs of Philip Mathews

Certificate of Release

United States of America. Certificate of Release.

Whereas on the first day of December A.D. 1868. the following described tract. lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Beaufort. in the State of South Carolina and particularly described as follows. viz: Land Hill. situate. lying and being on Hilton Head Island in the County aforesaid. containing two hundred acres more or less and bounded as follows: North East by "Cherry Hill" North West by Pine land South by Marsh land: East by Cherry Hill and West by Honey Horn. (this lot was sold by the United States Direct Tax Commissioners as a part of "Marshland & Chaplin") sold for the unpaid tax charged thereon. under an Act entitled "An Act for the Collection of direct taxes in Insurrectionary Districts within the United States and for other purposes" approved June 7. 1862. and whereas the heirs of Philip Mathews have produced satisfactory evidence that they are legally entitled to redeem the above described property. and that they have paid into the Treasury of the United States the amount of tax. penalty. Costs. and interest required by an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the redemption and sale of land. held by the United States under the several Acts levying direct taxes. and for other purposes" approved June 8. 1872. amounting to the sum of sixty three dollars and fifty five cents. the receipt whereof. in full is hereby acknowledged and confessed. Now. therefore. this is to certify that the property hereinbefore described is hereby henceforth discharged from all lien. or claim. by reason of said tax. penalties. interest. and cost.

J. H. Douglass
Commissioner of Internal Revenue

Approved by me. at Washington D.C. this 10th day of July 1874.

Chas F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Recorded this 21st day of November A.D. 1874 and Certified by Hk. Judd R.M.C.

Mrs W. B. Lawton et al
To
Renty F. Greaves

Conveyance of Real Estate.

State of South Carolina. County of Beaufort.

This Indenture made this twentieth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four between Mrs W. B. Lawton Mary E. George and Mary E. Mathews of the said County of the first part. & Renty F. Greaves of Hilton Head of the second part. Witnesseth that the said parties [illegible] of the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars [illegible] of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery [illegible] whereof is hereby [illegible]

herein granted, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said party of the second part, all that certain piece parcel or tract of land situate lying and being on Hilton Head Island in the County & State aforesaid, containing two hundred acres more or less, known as "Sand Hill", and bounded as follows, to wit: North east by "Cherry Hill", Northwest by "Reeland" South by Markland, East by "Cherry Hill" and West by "Honey Horn" being known on the books of the United States Tax commissioners as a part of "Markland and Chaplin" together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining To Have and To Hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever; and the said parties of the first part do bind themselves, their heirs, Executors and Administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, against the said parties of the first part and their heirs, and against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. In Witness whereof J. H. Williams in pursuance of a letter of attorney hereunto annexed, bearing date the 28th day of April 1874, hath set the hands & seals of said principals Mrs. H. B. Lawton, Mary E. George and Mary E. Mathews.

Mrs H. B. Lawton (Seal)
Mary E. George (Seal)
Mary E. Mathews (Seal)
By J. H. Williams their attorney
Benty F. Graves (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
Frederick Jones Sarah P. Irvin

State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort. Be it remembered that on this the 21st day of November 1874, before me, Ridley Hamilton Trial Justice personally appeared Fred'k Jones with whom I am personally acquainted, and made oath that he saw the within named J. H. Williams affix the signatures of the within named principals, Mrs H. B. Lawton, Mary E. George and Mary E. Mathews, and as their last act and deed deliver the within deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that he with Sarah J. Irvin subscribed his name as a witness of the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of November 1874.

Fredrick Jones

Ridley Hamilton Trial Justice

State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort. Know all men by these Presents that we, Mrs H. B. Lawton, Mary E. George and Mary E. Mathews, in the State aforesaid, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do make, constitute and appoint J. H. Williams Esq of Beaufort, our true and lawful attorney for us, and in our name, place and stead, and to our own proper use, bargain and sell a certain tract of land situate, lying and being on Hilton Head Island, in the County and State aforesaid, containing two hundred acres more or less, known as "Sand Hill", and bounded as follows, to wit: Northeast by Cherry Hill, Northwest by Reeland, South by Markland, East by Cherry Hill and West by Honey Horn, [illegible]

acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deeds and conveyances for the same either with or without covenants of warranty and we do further authorize our said attorney to remunerate himself for his professional services in relation to this land before and after these presents out of the funds arising from the said sale. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th day of April 1874.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of } Mrs. H. B. Lawton (SS)
Witnesses. } Mrs. M. E. George (SS)
S. L. Clarke. A. L. Kneller. } Mrs. M. E. Mathews (SS)
M. R. Baker.

Recorded this 21st day of November A. D. 1874 & Certified by H. G. Judd Rec

The United States
To
Mary Ann Cableton. } Head of family Land Certificate No 1923.

This Certifies. That on the fourth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven. the United States of America by Wm Henry Brisbane William E. Wording and James D. Martin United States Direct Tax Commissioners for the District of South Carolina. under & by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act for the collection of Direct Taxes in Insurrectionary Districts within the United States. and for other purposes" Approved June 7. 1862. and of the Acts amendatory of the same. approved February 6. 1863. and March 3. 1865 and of the Act entitled "An Act to continue in force and to amend "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees. and for other purposes". attested July. 16. 1866. and under and by virtue of the direction and instructions of the President of the United States issued to said Commissioners under date of September 16. 1863. for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen dollars first paid by the purchaser hereinafter named. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby sell to Mary Ann Cableton she being the head of a family & a colored citizen. the tract or parcel of land hereinafter set forth and situate on Parrys Island. in the District of Beaufort. in the State of South Carolina. and described as follows. to wit: Lot number Forty eight in section number One. township Number Two South of the Beaufort Base Line. and range Number Two West of the St Helena Meridian. Containing Ten acres. more or less. according to the United States survey. reserving public right of way. To Have and To Hold the same to her. her heirs and assigns. subject to all the provisions of the aforesaid Act. among which it is provided that the said Mary Ann Cableton. or her heirs shall not alienate the aforesaid tract, or parcel of land within six years from and after the 16th day of July 1866. Given under our hands at Beaufort in the District of Beaufort. and State aforesaid. on the day and year the Year first above named.

Wm Henry Brisbane
W. E. Wording
James D. Martin
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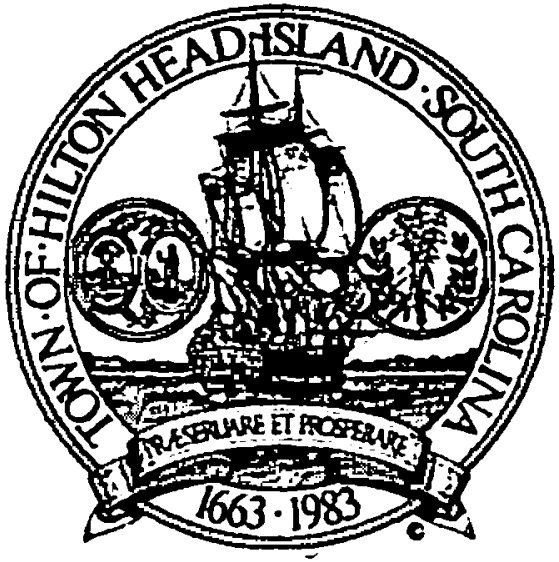

United States Census 2010

George

Land [illegible]

LAWTON

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Georgia } Personally appeared before me Isaac Conner
Scriven County } who after being duly sworn sayeth that he
Assigned the within deed as a witness and that
he saw Eli K. McKee and Robert F. Lanier assign as witnesses
and also saw Daniel Phillips do so likewise
Sworn to before me March 25th 1848
Thomas K. Archer, J.P. } Isaac Conner

Recorded this 6th day of April 1848
Alexander Kempe Clk

State of Georgia }
Scriven County } This Indenture made this fourth day of
April in the year of our Lord: Eighteen
Hundred and forty eight; between W. F. Lawton of the State
and County aforesaid: duly constituted Guardian of the pro-
perty and person of Andrew J. Oliver of said State and County
of the one part: Dr Thomas S. Mims of the same place of
the other part: Witnesseth that whereas by virtue of an
Order: granted by the Honorable inferior Court of said Coun-
ty when setting for Ordinary purposes presentes notice of
application having been given, agreeable to the Statute
in such case made and provided on the first monday
in November last to said W. F. Lawton Guardian as afore-
aid to sell a tract of Land belonging to the said Andrew
J. Oliver Situate lying and being in the county aforesaid
Known and distinguished as the land of Andrew J. Oliver
lying on Mobleys pond and bounded by Lands of J. W. Oli-
ver: R. W. Lovett, W. W. Stark and others: Containing two Hun-
dred and thirty Acres More or Less with the rights mem-
bers appurtenances thereto belonging: After the said Tract of
Land was duly advertised: in conformity to Law the same
was put up and exposed to sale to the Highest bidder at
the doore of the Court House at Jacksboro in said County
within the legal Hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February
last past by said W. F. Lawton Guardian as aforesaid when said
tract of Land was Knocked of to said Dr Thomas S. Mims at
the price or sum of Thirteen Hundred and sixty Dollars be-
ing the highest and best bidder: now for and in consider-
ation of the said Sum of Thirteen Hundred and sixty dollars
cash in hand paid to said W. F. Lawton Guardian as afores-
id by him: said Thomas S. Mims at and before the sealing
and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged said W. F. Lawton guardian as aforesaid hath
granted bargained and sold: and by these presents doth
grant bargain and sell unto the said Dr Thomas S. Mims
his Heirs executors administrators and assigns the said tract
of land lying on Mobleys Pond in said County: with all

the rights member and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him said Dr Thomas S. Minns: His Heirs and executors administrators and assigns to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple.

In Witness whereoff said W. J. Lawton Guardian as aforesaid hath hereunto set his Hand and affixed his seal: the day and year above written:

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
J. Lawton, Singellton
Azariah Ennis, J. P.

W. J. Lawton
Gardian (L.S.)

Recorded this 6th day of April 1848

Alexander Kemp Clk

State of Georgia
Scriven County

This Indenture made this twentyeth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty Eight Between Moses N. McCall Hervey Sheppard Willis Young John A. Gross: Peter Arnett John B. Denton and William Lovett Commissioners appointed by virtue of an act of the General assembley passed and approved off the 24th of December 1847: Said Commissioners appointed for the purpose of Haveing moved the Court House and Tail to a cite selected by said Commissioners Called Silveny and to dispose of the Lots in said Village and make titles to the same: of the one part and Alexander Kemp of the other part all parties of the State and County aforesaid: Witnesseth that the said Moses N. McCall Hervey Sheppard Willis Young John A. Gross Peter Arnett John B. Denton & William Lovett Commissioner aforesaid: for and in Consideration of the sum of Thirty Dollars and fifty cents to them in Hand well and truly paid by the said Alexander Kemp: before the sealing and delivery of these presents the: Receipt whereof is Hereby acknowledged hath this day granted beargained Sold and by these presents do grant bargain and Sell and convey unto the said Alexander Kemp: His Heirs Executors: administrators and assigns: all that Tract: Lot and parcel of Land: Situated lying and being in said County Containing two chaines and twenty five links in weth and three Chaines and fifty links in debth: Known and distinguished in the plan of said Village by the Number thirty three (33) as a plat of the Village will more fully represent: the same being a part of a Tract of Land Originally Granted to Azariah Ennis for three Hundred and thirty Six acres on the 22nd day of February (1836) Together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Alexander Kemp

His Heirs and assigns in fee simple and the said Moses N. McCall Hervey Sheppard Willis Young John A. Groff John B. Denton Peter Arnett and William Lovett Commissioners as aforesaid and their successors in office: by these presents do Warrant and forever defend the said bargained premises with every of its rights members and appurtenances unto the said Alexander Kemp His Heirs and assigns: for and against every other persons Claiming or to claime any Lawful rite or title thereunto In Witness whereof the said parties of the first part hath hereunto set their Hands and seales the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
William Arnett
Azariah Ennis, J.P.

Moses N. McCall: Com. (L.S.)
John A. Groff Com. (L.S.)
Peter Arnett Com. (L.S.)
John B. Denton Com. (L.S.)

Recorded this 6th day of April 1848
Alexander Kemp Clk

Georgia
Scriven County } Know all men by these presents that we James S. Lawton and Winborne S. Lawton: the first named person of the District of Buford State of South Carolina and the second person of the State & County aforesaid: For and In consideration of the sum of: Five Hundred and fifty Dollars to us in Hand well and truley paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents by: Major James Roberts of said state & County the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged: hath bargained and sold and do by these present bargain and sell unto the said James Roberts his Heirs & assigns the following negro slave to wit Savility a woman: about twenty three years of age of dark complexion: and her child named Gailoese an infant about ten months old: To have and to hold the said negro slave to him the said James Roberts His Heirs and assigns forever in fee simple And we the said James S. Lawton and W. S. Lawton for ourselves our Heirs executors and administrators will forever: Warrent and defend the right and title to the saide negro slave to him the said James Roberts his Heirs Executors and administrators against us the said James S. Lawton and Winborne S. Lawton our Heirs Executors and administrators and against the title of all and every other person claiming or to claim the same.

In Witness where of we the said James S. Lawton and Winborne S. Lawton have hereunto set our Hands and seals this the thirty first day of January: A.D. Eighteen Hundred and forty Eight:

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
A. Deseney

James S. Lawton (L.S.)
W. S. Lawton (L.S.)

Georgia
Scriven County } Personally Came before me
a Justice of the Peace in and for said County A Deserrey who being duley Sworn deposeth and sayeth that he saw the above named James S. Lawton & W. J. Lawton; sign and seal the within Instrument and that he said deponant signed the same as witness:

Sworn to before me this first day of February 1848;
Frederick Wells, J.P. } A. Deserrey

Recorded this 10th day of April 1848
Alexander Kemp Clk.

Georgia
Scriven County } This Indenture made this 13th day of November 1847, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty seven; between John S. Maner of the County and state aforesaid of the one part and James Roberts of the same place of the other part: Witnesseth that the said John S. Maner for and in Consideration of the sum of one Hundred Dollars to him in Hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt: whereof is hereby Acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and Conveyed and does by these presents grant bargain sell and Convey unto the said James Roberts His Heirs and assigns Sixty two Acres of Pine Land: Lying in the County of Scriven and being the one Eighth part of a Tract of Land belonging formley to the Estate of James Roberts decease; adjoining Lands of James Roberts on all sides: To Have and to Hold said Tract or parcel of Land unto him the said James Roberts His Heirs and assigns Together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereof to the same in any manner: belonging to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple and the said John S. Maner for himself his Heirs Executors & administrators the said bargained premises unto the said James Roberts His Heirs and assigns will: Warrant and forever defend the right and Title thereof against themselves and against the claim of all other persons whatsoever;

In Witness whereof the said John S. Maner hath hereunto set His Hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the Presence of us
Green D. Sharp
Alexander Kemp Clk. Ex. o. affis. o. } John S. Maner (L.S.)

Recorded this 10th day of April 1848
Alexander Kemp Clk.

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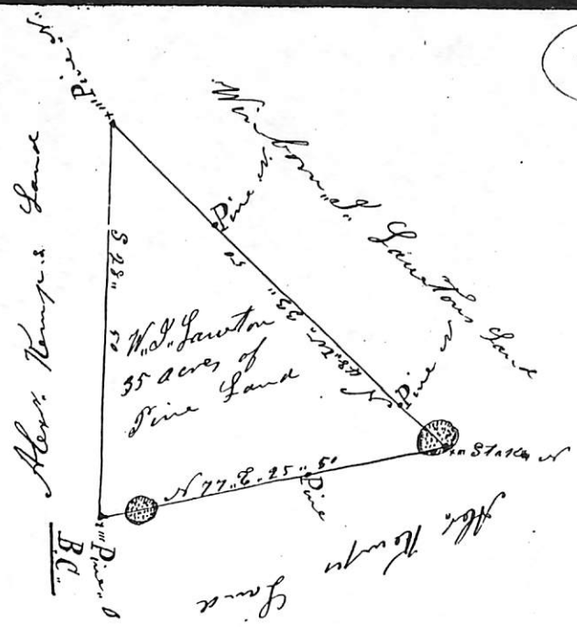

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Georgia
Screven County } The above Plat is a representation of part of a Tract of Land Originally Granted to James Hendley for five Hundred Acres. Containing thirty five Acres: and Resurveyed for Winborn S. Lawton who resides in this State and County aforesaid. the 25 day of February 1846

Wilkins H. Nunnally C.S.

Thomas Oliver
Winborn S. Lawton } C.C.

Georgia
Screven County } This Indenture made this Twenty Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and forty Six: Between Winborn S. Lawton of the one part and Alexander Kemp of the other part both of said Witnesseth that the said Winborn S. Lawton for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to him in Hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and Conveyed and does by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Alexander Kemp his Heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County aforesaid: Containing Thirty five Acres more or Less butted bounded and discribed as follows to wit on the west by Lands of Alexander Kemp on the south by Lands of Alexander Kemp and on the north East by Lands of W. J. Lawton: being the resurvey of a part of a tract of land originally Granted to James Hendley for five Hundred Acres and Conveyed by Peter Arnett to the said W. J. Lawton and having such Shape and marks as is contained in plat hereunto affixed with all the rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging: To Have and to hold the above discribed tract of land unto him the said Alexander Kemp his Heirs and assigns together with all the rights members and appurtenances: to the said tract of Land in any wise belonging to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof in fee simple.

And the said Winborn J. Lawton for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators the said bargained premises together with the right title and possession thereof unto the said Alexander Kemp his Heirs and assigns Will Warrant and forever defend the right and title thereof against themselves and against the claime of all other persons what ever. In testimony whereof the said Winborn J. Lawton hath hereunto set his Hand and affixed his Seal: the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
William Taylor, J.I.C.
Edmund B. Groff

W. J. Lawton (L.S.)

Recorded this 9th day of June 1846

Alexander Kemp Clk (L.S.)

State of Georgia
Scriven County } This Indenture made the Third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty two between: Peter Arnett Sheriff of the County of Scriven of the one part and Alexander Kemp of the other part: Whereas in obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the superior Court of the County of Scriven at the suit of Wesson Bryan Alex. A. Smetts against Jacob Bryan the said Peter Arnett Sheriff as aforesaid did lately Seize the said Tract or parcel of Land herein after discribed as the property of the said Jacob Bryan dec.d and after being duley and publickly advertised agreeable to Law did on the day of the date hereof at the place of publick sale in the County of Scriven expose the same at publick out cry: when the said Alexander Kemp being the Highest bider the same was Knocked off to him at the sum of Eleven dollars and fifty cents: Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Peter Arnett Sheriff as aforesaid for and in Consideration of the sum of Eleven dollars and fifty cents to him in hand well and truely paid by the said Alexander Kemp at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Alexander Kemp his Heirs and assigns All that Tract or parcel of Land lying being and situated in the County of Scriven Originally Granted to and joining Land at this time on the North South west and East of the Estate of Jacob Bryan dec.d and Lying on the waters of the Beaver dam Creek about miles above Sackettsboro Containing twenty seven Acres (27) together with all and singular the rights members and appertenances thereof whatsoever to the said Tract or parcel of Land being belonging or appertaining and also all the Estate right title interest property claim and demand of the said Jacob Bryan dec.d in Law equity or otherwise whatsoever of in or to the same: To have and to hold the said Tract of Land and premises and every part thereof unto the said

Money agreed upon to wit the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars cash in hand paid the said Thomas A Askew Executor at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Thomas A Askew as Executor as aforesaid hath bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth bargain sell alien and convey unto said Jenny Green her heirs and assigns All that tract of land situate lying and being in the 34th District [illegible] mentioned in said County of Tarrien Containing One Hundred and Ninety three acres more or less and bounded on the North by the waters of Beaver Dam Creek On the East by lands sometimes called Estate lands of Peter Reddick deceased, On the South by lands of Mrs [illegible] L Douglas and others and on the West by the Public Road leading from Jacksonboro Bridge on said Beaver Dam Creek towards Sylvania

To have and to hold said bargained premises to her said Jenny Green her heirs and assigns with all the rights titles members and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining forever in fee simple.

In witness whereof the said Thomas A Askew as Executor as aforesaid hath on this the day and year above written set his hand and affixed his seal the words Consideration of the interlined before signing

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
John Burke
Nancy Russell Jr
N P & Ex off J P C Ga

Thos A Askew
Recorded March [illegible]
R L Singletton
[illegible]

Georgia
Crisp County

Know all men by these presents that I Robert T Lawton of the State & County above named for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy two Dollars and fifty Cents to me paid by Bristen Lawton of said State and County the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold and released and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said Bristen a certain

natural and artificial marks as are represented by a plat hereunto annexed and containing One Hundred and thirty five acres more or less. To have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto him the said Brister and to his heirs and assigns forever. Reserving unto myself and to my heirs and assigns the free and unmolested privilege of flowing those portions of said land as may be covered by water should the mill dam and mill or mills be rebuilt. And I do hereby bind myself and my heirs executors & administrators to warrant and forever defend the said premises unto him the said Brister and to his heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs and against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

Witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy four (1874) signed sealed and delivered in presence of

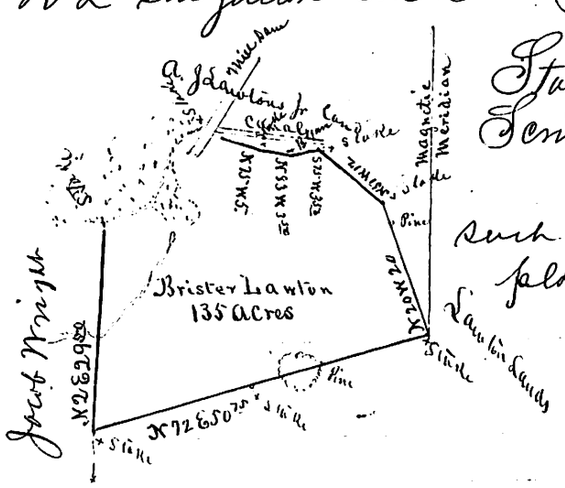
J. L. Singelton Jr
T. B. Lawton

R. T. Lawton

Georgia Scriven County } Personally came before me T. B. Lawton who being duly sworn deposeth & says that he saw R. T. Lawton sign seal and deliver the within Deed for the purposes therein named and that he & J. L. Singelton Jr signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of said R. T. Lawton

Sworn to & subscribed before me this July 3rd 1880
R. L. Singelton C.S.S.C.

T. B. Lawton
Recorded March 16th 1886
R. L. Singelton C.S.S.C.



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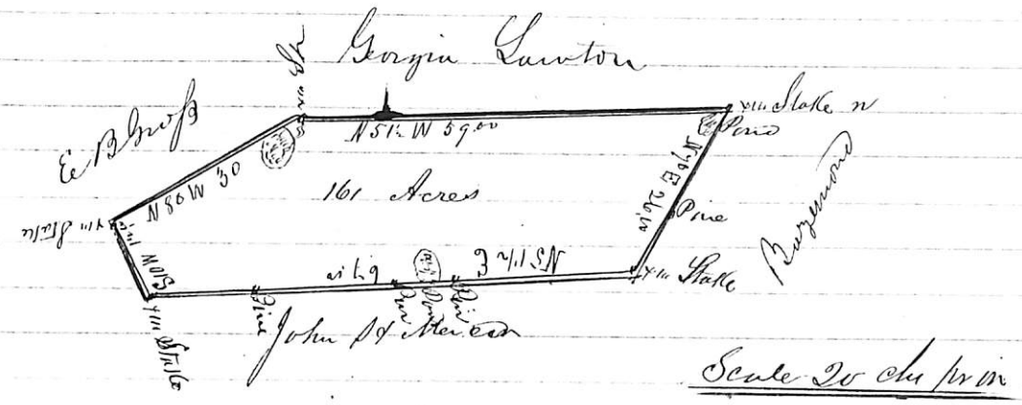
State of Georgia Scriven County } The above plat contains One Hundred & thirty five acres of pine land having such shapes marks & bounds as the above plat exhibits. Executed on the 12th day November 1872

by
Azariah Ennis C.S.S.C.
Recorded March 16th 1886
R. L. Singelton
C.S.S.C.



The above delineated plat represents the land conveyed in the within deed annexed hereto.

R J Lawton Surveyor.

Georgia
Screven County } Know all men by these presents that I Georgia Lawton, of the State and county above named, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and forty three dollars to me paid, by Cuyler Vickry, the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain sell and release unto the said Cuyler Vickry a certain tract or parcel of land being a portion of a tract of land conveyed to me by my father, Robt J Lawton in the 8th day of April 1864 bounded north by lands belonging to Bazemore, East by lands belonging to John H Mercer and west by lands belonging to E Bluff and Georgia Lawton, containing one hundred and sixty one acres more or less, and having such form and marks as a plat hereunto annexed will more fully shew.

To Have and to Hold the said premises with all and singular the rights, members and appertenances thereto appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him the said Cuyler Vickry, his heirs executors administrators and assigns in fee simple. And the said Georgia Lawton the said bargained premises unto the said Cuyler Vickry, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, against the said Georgia Lawton her heirs, Executors and Administrators, and against all and every other person or persons, shall and will warrant and forever defend by virtue of these presents.

Witness my hand & Seal this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty seven (1867)

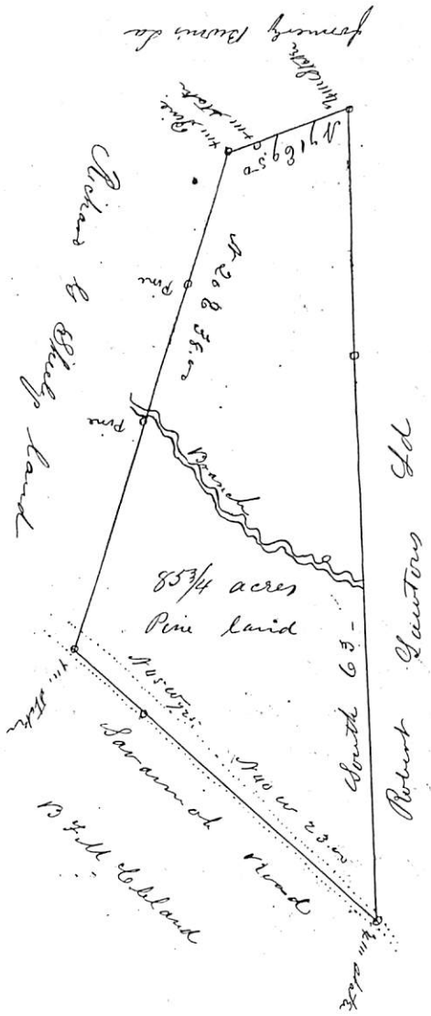
Signed & Sealed in presence of us } Georgia Lawton [L.S.]
R J Lawton
Alex J Lawton

Georgia } Personally appeared Robert Lawton one of the subscribing
Screven County } witnesses to the within deed, before me, who being sworn
deposeth and saith that his signature as witness is genuine, and that
affiant was present and saw Mrs Georgia Morgan, then Georgia Lawton
sign seal and deliver the within deed to Cuyler Vickery for the pur-
poses therein expressed, and that affiant together with Alexander J
Lawton Jr signed the same in presence of each other and the said makes
as subscribing witnesses on the day and date mentioned in said deed
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this Sept 14th 1868. R J Lawton
Robert D Sharpe Clk S C S C Ex officio
Inter Rev Stamps 50 cts affixed to the original deed and duly cancelled
Recorded this 8th July 1869 Robert D Sharpe Clk

Georgia } Know all men by these presents, that I William
Screven County } Colson of the county and State aforesaid, for and
in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to
me in hand paid by William H Anderson the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold and by these presents
doth bargain sell, release and convey unto the said William H
Anderson all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being
in the County and State aforesaid on the water of Black Creek contain-
ing Eighty four acres more or less, bounded on the north by lands of
William Anderson on the South by lands of W D Anderson minor on
the East by lands of W A Bennett and on the west by lands of William
Anderson. To Have and to Hold said lands together with all
and singular the rights, members hereditaments and appertenances
to the same belonging, or in anywise incident to or appertaining
to his own use and behoof forever. And I the said William
Colson do hereby bind myself my heirs, executors and administrators
to warrant and forever defend the said lands unto the said W H
Anderson his heirs and assigns forever against myself my heirs and
all persons whomsoever claiming the same or any part thereof.
In witness whereof I the said William Colson hath hereto
set my hand and affixed my seal this the 3d day of May AD
Eighteen hundred and sixty nine.
Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of William Colson {SS}
J B Martin
E D White N P Ex officio J P

Inter Rev Stamps 50 cts affixed and cancelled

Recorded this 12th July 1869 Robert D Sharpe Clk



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Georgia
Screven County } The above plat represents Eighty five and a half acres of land being part of a two hundred acre tract originally granted to James Shely and also part of a fifty two acre tract granted to Ellis Resurveyed and cut of this day by the request of Richard B Shely and and sold by him to Robert Lawton the same having such ~~shape~~ marks and shapes and bounded as the above represented August 10th 1855. Certified by

W H Nunnally C S S C

State of Georgia } Know all men by these presents that I Richard
Screven County } W Shely, of the State and County above named, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars to me paid by Robert F Lawton of the same place the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained sold and released, and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said Robert F Lawton that tract or parcel of Land lying on Indian Branch, waters of Beaverdam, which are waters of Briar Creek and Savannah River — bounded North by B F M Clellands Lands the Road from Savannah to Augusta being the line, East by R W Shely lands South by Estate of Burnes & Robert F Lawtons Lands and containing according to a Survey made by W H Nunnally

August 10th 1855, Eighty five and a Half acres. Together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining

To Have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto him the said Robert T Lawton & to his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby bind myself my heirs, Executors and Administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Robert T Lawton and to his heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs & against all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof — witness my hand and seal this fourteenth day of August in the year of Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifty five

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of

Richard W Shely (Ls)

Alexander Kemp
William W Kemp

Georgia } Personally appeared before me
Screven County } in & for said County Alexander Kemp who after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that he saw Richard W Shely sign the within deed for the purposes therein mentioned sworn to before me this day of 1855.

George L Jackson J. I. C. } Alexander Kemp

Recorded this 27th day of August 1855. Robert L Sharpe Clk

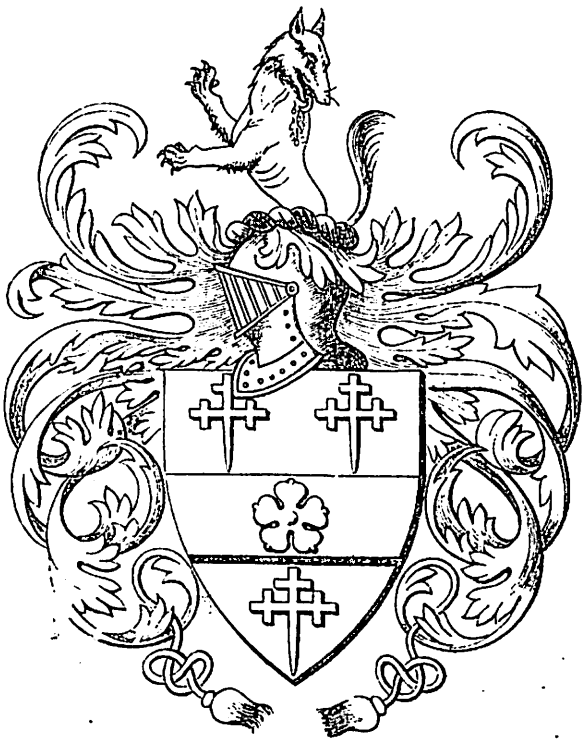
Georgia } This Indenture made this fourth day of Septem-
Screven County } ber in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five between John Grogs Sheriff of the County aforesaid of the one part and Mary Roberts of the same place of the other part, witnesseth that whereas the said John Grogs Sheriff as aforesaid, did lately seize and levy upon a certain tract of land situate lying and being in said County, bounded by lands of Elijah Roberts, Robert W Lovett and Mary Roberts, Containing Twenty acres more or less, as the property of James M Roberts, by virtue of a fieri facias issued from the Superior Court of said County in favor of David R Dillon against James M Roberts and Daniel E Roberts; and after publicly advertizing said Tract of land agreeably to the Law did put up and expose the same to sale at public outcry on the first tuesday in September instant at the door of the Court house at Sylvania in said County within the legal hours of sale when said tract of land was knocked off to said Mary Roberts at and for the sum of Ten Dollars, she being the highest and best bidder

Now for and in Consideration of the said sum of Ten Dollars in hand paid to him the said John Grogs Sheriff as aforesaid, by her the said Mary Roberts, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said John Grogs Sheriff as aforesaid hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents, do grant bargain and sell, unto her the said Mary Roberts, her heirs executors, administrators and

LAWTON OF LAWTON.

(From Ormerod's History of Cheshire.. 1882)

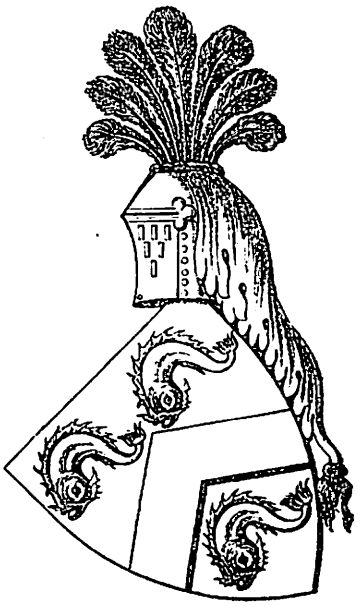
From [the chartulary of the abbey of St. Werburgh, and family documents (abstracted by Frank Renaud, esq. M.D.), the Plea and Recog. Rolls, and Inqs.] a pedigree roll by Dugdale, [apparently copied down to the year 1590, from one by Glover, now at Lawton Hall,] collated with Booth's pedigrees, and continued from the information of the family and the Lawton registers.



ARMS. Argent, a fesse Sable between three cross crosslets of the second, on the fesse a cinquefoil Argent. [The original coat, however, was Or, a chevron between two cross crosslets in chief, Gules, and a dolphin in base, Azure,[a] being a combination of the coats of the early Lautons and the Davenports. The mantle of the present coat, given in the annexed engraving, is copied from the Arms of the family, carved on a snuff-box formerly of Car. II.]

CREST. On a wreath a demi-wolf rampant Argent, licking a wound in the right shoulder, Gules.

[ARMS. Or, a chevron between three dolphins Gules, for Lauton ancient.



ADAM DE LAUTON, lord of Lauton mediety, living temp. John, and Hen. 3. *

- ADAM DE LAUTON, son of Adam, held lands in Lauton, living temp. Hen. 3. = ..., daughter of .....
  - ADAM DE LAUTON, son of Adam, grantee of lands in Lauton, of the Crosslegh, living 26 Edw. 1, and 2 Edw. 2
  - ALICE, qy. 2d wife, living 26 Edw. 1.
  - WILLIAM DE LAUTON, son of Adam, quitclaimed to Chester Abbey the advowson of the church, grantee of William, son of William the chaplain of Lauton, of lands in Lauton, circ. 1270–80. = PHILIP DE LAUTON, occurs as living between 1265 and 1289. = ...
    - qy. ADAM DE LAUTON, circ. 1280.
    - ADAM DE LAUTON, a monk of Chester Abbey, 32 & 33 Edw. 1, and 1312.
    - JOHN DE LAUTON, 20 Edw. 2. Recog. Ro.
    - ROBERT DE LAUTON, held lands in Lauton.
    - RICHARD DE LAUTON, son of Adam, held lands in Lauton, a benefactor of Chester Abbey, to which he granted his share of the aqueduct of Lauton, temp. abbot Simon, circ. 1280.
    - ..... = ..., daughter of .....
      - RICHARD DE LAUTON, son of Richard, held lands in Lauton, 3 Edw. 3. = ..., daughter of .....
        - RICHARD DE LAUTON, with his wife, grantee of lands from his father in Lauton. Occ. 11 Edw. 3. Pl. Ro. = CICELY, daughter of William de Astbury, 3 Edw. 3.
          - AGNES DE LAUTON, daughter of Richard, and with her husband, grantee of a messuage in Lauton from her grandfather Richard, temp. Edw. 3.] = THOMAS, son of Jordan de Davenport, and probably great-grandson of Vivian, lord of Davenport.
- WILLIAM DE LAUTON, lord of Lauton mediety, living temp. John; held the chief house of Lauton, and the fishery; grantee of his father, A°D. 1236; benefactor of the Abbey of St. Werburg, Chester, and quit-claimed the advowson of the chapel; living 50 Hen. 3, temp. Rob. de Hoxlegh, sheriff. = ...
  - WILLIAM DE LAUTON (qy. a priest, and chaplain of Lauton), lord of Lauton mediety, which he granted to the abbey of Chester, and quitclaimed the advowson of the chapel, circ. 9 Edw. 1 (*sic*), living between the years 1240 and 1289; qy. ob. s. p.
  - HENRY DE LAUTON, als. DE LE SNAPE, als. CARPENTER, of Snape in Lauton. = WILLIAM DE LAUTON, son of Richard, Recog. 51 Edw. 3.[b]
    - ADAM DE CROSSELEGH, 5 & 6 Edw. 2. Pl. Ro. = ...
      - ALICE DE CROSSELEGH, levied a fine of lands in Chirchelauton, 7 Edw. 3.]
  - RANULF DE LAUTON, son of William, quits claim to the abbot of Chester of Crossley's and Rode's grants, and also of the advowson of the chapel, and of the aqueduct of Lauton, to abbot Roger, between 1240 and 1249. = ...
    - WILLIAM DE LAUTON, son of William, 5 Edw. 2. Recog. Ro. qy. ancestor of Lauton of Wigland.
    - MALKE, (qy. identical with Matild), fil. Ranulf' de Lauton, granted lands in Lauton to two priests, who granted them to the abbey. = WILLIAM, son of Malke.
    - MATILD, wife of Richard de Hancheriche (qy. Aschenehalgh), daughter of Ranulf (and qy. coheir), grantee of lands in Lauton from her nephew Thomas de Crosslegh.
    - CECILY, daughter of Ranulf (and qy. coheir), held lands in Lauton, benefactress of the abbey, and in her widowhood granted lands to abbot Simon of St. Werburg's. = ROGER DE CROSSELEGE (in Buglawton), gave a moiety of the aqueduct, and lands in Lauton, to Simon the abbot.
    - ROBERT DE CROSSELEGE, clerc, between 1265 and 1289, granted lands in Lauton to abbot Simon.
    - RALPH DE CROSSELEGH.
    - ROGER DE CROSSELEGE, (qy. als. le Palmer).
    - THOMAS DE CROSSELEGE, son of Roger, grants lands in Lauton to Adam, son of Adam de Lauton. = ...

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[a] Information of Dr. Renaud, F.S.A., from an Elizabethan MSS. volume, penes Mr. R. Wood of Whalley Range, near Manchester, in whose possession is also an ancient pedigree with the following heading, which is good secondary evidence of the early descents :—"Nonnuella Cestrescyrensium Scuta Gentilitia ex variis reverendæ antiquitatis et autoritatis monumentis descripta seqũntur.

"That wch followeth ys copied out of a broade booke of parchmente, wch booke sometyme belonged to Marche King of Armes in ye tyme of Kyng Edward the 4 after ye Conquest, but nowe in this p'sent yeare of o' Lord 1588 remayneth in the handes of Robert Cooke Esquire Clarencieulx King of Armes and principall herald of the South p'te of this realme of England." Cooke also says "Lawton of Lawton, on a fess between 3 cross crosses a flower, but the ancient arms of Lawton are a chevron between 2 cross crosses in chief goules, and a dolphin in base blue"; and the Crest, "a demi wolf rampant silver, licking a wound on his shoulder goules"; which is probably a grant of about the time of Hen. VIII.—H.

[b] 51 Edw. III. Assia mortis ancet' quam Willis de Lauton senior in cur' dñi Regis hic arravi v'sus Willm de Lauton marchal & Beatricem uxẽm ejus de tenẽ in Chirchelauton, &c. *Mem.* 16. Ricus de Lauton also occurs *Mem.* 21, *Pl. Ro.* 51 Edw. III. and 1 Ric. 2.—H.

* (King John: 1167–1216) .. (1207–1272 Henry III)

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HUGH DE LAUTON, qy. an archer of the Principality of Wales, and appointed an archer of the livery of the Crown, 21 Ric. 2. Recog. Ro. = ISABELL, daughter of John Madoc, and widow of Bekyn Bernys.

- HUGH DE LAUTON, [eldest son,] o. s. p.
- JOHN DE LAUTON, [bailiff of Lauton for the abbey of St. Werburgh, 10 Hen. 5 to 8 Hen. 6,] died before his mother. = [BEATRICE, widow of Thomas Maddock.]
- ISABELL, wife of ..... Dod.
- AMICE, wife of ..... Shelton.

- JOHN LAUTON, o. s. p.
- RICHARD LAUTON of Lauton, gent. heir to his grandmother, [and living temp. Hen. 6, and 16 Edw. 4.] = ..., daughter of .....
- AGNES LAUTON.

[JOHN] LAUTON [of Lauton, gent. qy. controller of fines, &c. 2 Ric. 3, living 2 Hen. 7.] = ALIONOR, daughter of Matthew More of the Hall o'th' Hethe.

WILLIAM LAWTON of Lawton, [gent. grantee by letters patent, 33 Hen. 8, of the manor of Church-Lawton,] obiit Dec. 28, 5 Edw. 6, [Inq. 6 Edw. 6.] = KATHARINE, daughter of Thos. Bellot of Moreton, [esq.]

- ....., wife of Geo. Bertram, of Barlaston, co. Staff.
- ....., wife of ..... Slade of Bredhurst.

- 1. ANNE, widow of Robert Corbet of Hatherton, s. p. = JOHN LAWTON of Church-Lawton, [esq. son and heir, æt. 32, 6 Edw. 6,] living 1580, [ob. 8 March, 1598, Inq. 41 Eliz.]
  - 2. MARGARET, daughter of Fulke Dutton of Chester.
  - [2. ANTHONY LAWTON.]
  - 3. AUGUSTIN LAWTON.
  - 4. AMBROSE LAWTON. [Two last living 29 Eliz.]
- 1. WEREBURG, wife of John Horton, remarried to ... Pulford.
  - 2. EVE, wife of Geoffrey Rowley of Wogg Wood, co. Staff.
- 3. DOROTHY, wife of Rob. Cook of Clement Danes, co. Midd.
- 4. ELEANOR, wife of Robert Luto of Gorsty Hill, co. Cest.
- 5. KATHERINE, wife of Richar Davies of Flintshire.

- MARY, daughter and heiress of George Wood of Barterley, [esq. justice of Chester, ob.] s. p. = WILLIAM LAWTON of Lawton, esq. [æt. 46, 41 Eliz. occurs] 1613, and ob. 1617.] = MARY, daughter of ..... Maxfield of Chesterton, co. Staff. 2d wife, [ob. 1604.]
  - 2. ROBERT LAWTON.
  - 3. THOMAS LAWTON.
  - 4. JOHN LAWTON.
- MARY, wife of William Yeardsley of Yeardsley, [gent.]

JOHN LAWTON of Lawton, esq. [son and heir,] aged 7 years 1613, died Feb. 1, 1654-5. = CLARE, daughter of Ralph Sneyd of Keel, co. Staff. esq.

- WILLIAM LAWTON, died unmarried, [qy. rector of Lawton.]
- ELEANOR, wife of George Bellot brother of John Bellot of Moreton, [esq.]

WILLIAM LAWTON of Lawton, esq. [sheriff of Cheshire, 1671, app. Dec. 13,] æt. 33. Sept. 4, 1663, died Sept. 9, 1693. = HESTER, second daughter of sir Edward Longueville of Wolverton, bart. by Margaret, daughter of sir Thos. Temple of Stowe, co. Bucks, died May 30, 1703.

- JOHN LAWTON, died unmarried.
- RALPH LAWTON, married Catherine, daughter of William Charlewood of [qy. Leatherlake,] co. Kent.
- [..... LAWTON a daughter.]

- ANNE, daughter of the hon. George Montague, younger son of Henry, first earl of Manchester, and sister of Charles, first earl of Halifax, died July 1, 1717, first wife. = JOHN LAWTON of Lawton, esq. son and heir, baptized May 7, 1656, died June 10, 1736. = MARY, dau. of Edward Longueville, esq. and relict of sir Edward Longueville, bart.
  - 2. WILLIAM LAWTON, bapt. Oct. 14, 1662, died a captain in the Irish war. s. p.*
  - 3. THOMAS LAWTON, baptized Feb. 20, 1671, married Aug. 27, 1702, Mary, daughter of John Reeve of Audley, co. Staff. died in the East Indies.
  - 4. RALPH LAWTON, a collector of the excise, died unmarried, Dec. 15, 1756.
- 1. CLARE, wife of William Trafford of Swithamley, esq. married Feb. 28. 1677.
  - 2. HESTER, baptized April 20, 1657, wife of W. Church of Tunston.
  - 3. PHILICIA, baptized June 5, 1661, wife of Francis Hollinshead, of Whelock, died March, 1737, buried at Rostherne.
- 4. MARGARET, baptized May 5, 166[illegible] married April 8, 1684, Charlwood Lawton of Leatherlake, [and of the Middle Temple, esq.]
  - 5. MARIA, [qy. MARY,] baptized June 9, 1667.
  - 6. CATHERINE, baptized Sept. 2[illegible] 1668, married May 27, 1686, Job Bowyer of Woolstanton, co. Staff.
  - 7. ELIZABETH, baptized Nov. 3[illegible] 1669, wife of Jas. Cheetham of Mellor.

- 1. WILLIAM LAWTON, baptized May 25. 1684, died s. p. 1714.
- 2. EDWARD LAWTON of Lawton, esq. married Charlotte, daughter of William Trafford of Swithamley, and died Oct. 11, 1730.
- 3. JOHN LAWTON, M.P. for Newcastle under Line, [qy. son and heir, and whose wife, Jane, married 2dly, sir William Moreton of Moreton, recorder of London;] died June 18, 1740, [s. p. apparently.]
- 4. GEO. LAWTON, died unmarried.
- 5. CHARLES LAWTON, baptized June 4. 1695, died April 21, 1696.
- 6. JAMES LAWTON, baptized April 8, 1698, died April 22, 1699.
- 7. MONTAGUE LAWTON, baptized July 26, 1705, died Aug. 14, 1705.
- HESTER.
- ELIZABETH.
- ANNE, wife of John Lawton of Wybunbury, married Nov. 13, 1735.
- CHARLOTTE.
- THEODOSIA.
- MARGARET, baptized July 3, 1699.
- MARY, wife of Ralph Trafford.
- MARIA-MARGARET MINSHULL, baptized July 19, 1702, died July 10, 1706.
- Seven other children by this marriage.
- ROBERT LAWTON of Lawton, esq. sole issue by the second marriage, [sheriff of Cheshire, 1754, app. Feb. 21,] baptized May 6, 1723, died March 19, 1777. = SARAH, daughter of John Offley of Crewe and Madeley esq. (who assumed the name of Crewe), M.P. co. Cest. died Aug. 19, 177[illegible]

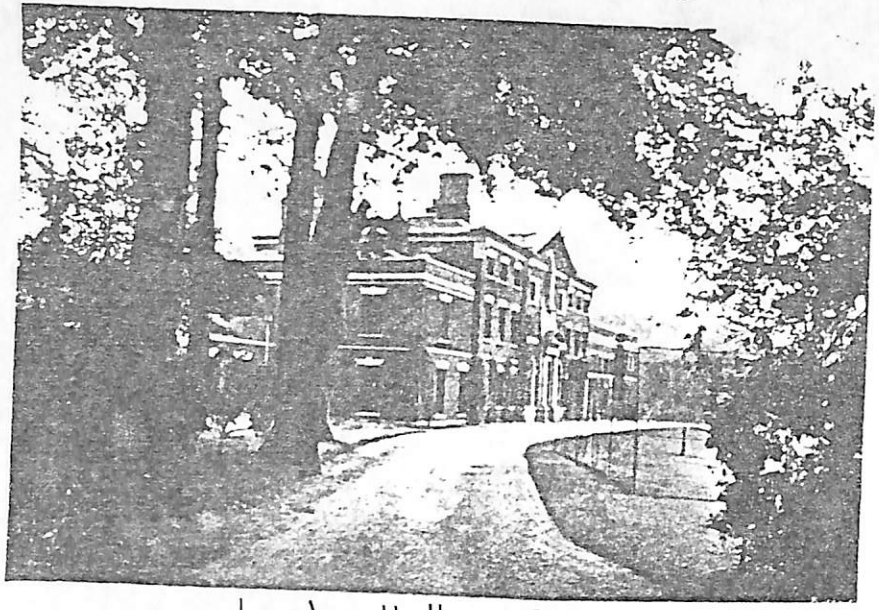
JOHN LAWTON of Lawton, esq. son and heir, baptized Sept. 13, 1746, died March 25. 1804. = ANNE, daughter and coheiress of Charles Crewe, esq. [of Warmincham,] M.P. co. Cest. [married 1770,] died Nov. 29, 1810.

- WILLIAM LAWTON, baptized Feb. 2, 1749, died unmarried April 9, 1814.
- PHILIP LAWTON, baptized Jan. 23, 175[illegible] died unmarried.

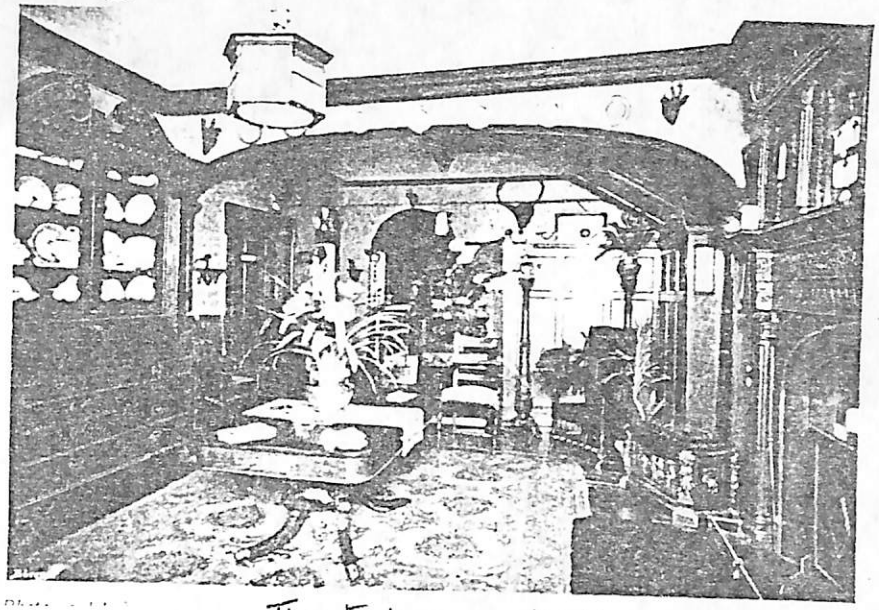
- 1. WILLIAM LAWTON [of Lawton,] esq., eldest son and heir, [died unmarried, 1831.]
- 2. CHARLES BOURNE LAWTON [of Lawton,] esq. married 1st, Anne, daughter of Henry Featherstonehaugh of Tooting, co. Surrey, [who ob. s. p. 1814]; and 2ndly, Mariana Percy, daughter of William Belcombe, M.D. of York, [who ob. s. p. 1868; he died 1860, æt. 89]
- JOHN LAWTON of Snape, [clerk, M.A. rector of Lawton, died in 1831.] = ELIZABETH, dau. of John Carter of Liverpool, [ob. April 25, 1868, æt. 77.]
- PHILIP LAWTON, lieut. in 83d reg. died on his passage to the West Indies.
- SARAH, died an infant, buried at Wybunbury.
- ROBERT LAWTON, died an infant buried at Wybunbury.

- WILLIAM LAWTON, born Oct. 11, 1815, [killed 1833, by the machinery of a bone-mill at Shrigley.]
- [JOHN LAWTON of Lawton, esq. eldest surviving son, and heir to his uncle, Charles, born in 1821, and died in 1864. = [EMILY ANN, daughter of Thomas Crosse Legh of Adlington, esq. married 2dly, Frank Renaud, esq. M.D.
  - [ROBERT LAWTON of Prestbury and Lawton, formerly a lieut. 16th regt. of Foot, ob. Jan. 24, 1868, unmarried.]
  - ANNE, born July 31, 1813, [married rev. John Coventry Campion of Westoning Manor, Beds, and has issue].
  - MARIA, born Aug. 14, 1814, [married rev. W. Benn, and 2dly, the rev. T. Whitworth, by the latter of whom she has issue.]
  - [ELIZA, married S. Bailey of Bedfordshire, and has issue.]

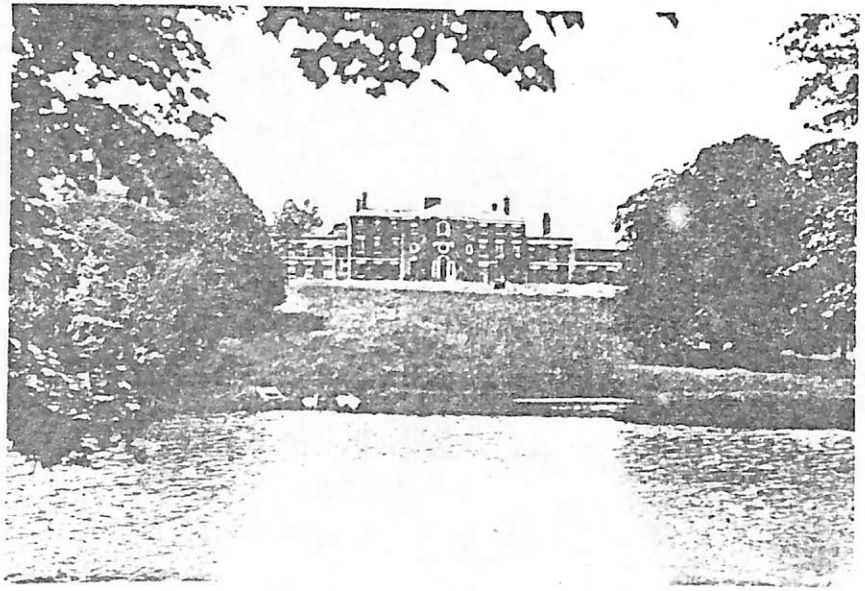
- WILLIAM JOHN PERCY LAWTON of Lawton, esq. born 1849, married in 1872. = MARY MAUD, daughter of the hon. Edward Erskine, grandson of the lord Chancellor Erskine, 3d son of 5th earl of Buchan.
  - ROBERT CHARLES MONTAGUE LAWTON, born 1853.
  - LOUISA ELIZABETH LAWTON.
  - EMILY ANNE LAWTON, ob. infans, 1848.
  - AGNES FANNY ADINE LAWTON.
  - EVELYN FRANCES CHRISTABEL LAWTON.
  - ROSAMOND MINNIE, married to Frederick Henry Whitby, lieut. 106[illegible] Light Infantry, May 3[illegible] 1879, at Chorley.
  - JOHN WILLIAM EDWARD LAWTON, born June 24, 1873.
  - RALPH LUPUS LAWTON, born 1878.
  - GWYNDOLEN MAUD LAWTON.]



Lawton Hall.. 1934



The Entrance Hall.



Lawton Hall from the Park

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The Dining Room

LAWTON-HALL-HOTEL... 1934 (From a brochure)

Lawton Hall, which was for many centuries the country residence of the Lawton family, is an imposing double-fronted mansion, dating partly from the days of George II.* Situated on the borders of Cheshire it stands on a natural terrace 350 feet above sea-level, in the midst of extensive grounds. On the north side lies the well-wooded Cheshire Plain, and on the south there is the ridge of the Staffordshire & Cheshire Hills.

Approached by three fine drives, one of which is nearly a mile long, through beautiful woods and shrubberies, Lawton Hall stands in the midst of a private estate of over two hundred acres, consisting of well-kept lawns flower gardens, terraces, and an extensive park and woods, providing a variety of delightful walks without leaving the grounds of the Hall. Also there are a private golf course, hard and grass tennis courts, croquet and putting-greens, and a beautiful lake, providing recreation for those interested in fishing. A mile in circumference, and set amid delightful wooded slopes, it affords the angler many happy hours.

The original Hall was built at the time of the Confessor,* and bore the name of Lautune, and we read of one Richard, son of Adam de Lawton, possessing a moity* of the township in the latter part of the twelfth century. In Henry VIII's* time the Lawtons purchased the whole manor. Charles II* once hid in the Hall, and the Oak-Room is known as the King's Room, because it was used as a bedroom by the Merry Monarch. There is also shown the King's hiding-place beneath the passage leading from the small drawing room to the library. During his stay he presented to the son of the Lawtons, to whom he acted as godfather, an exquisite drinking cup, and later gave to the family the portraits of himself and the Duke of Monmouth* by Sir Peter Lely,* which adorn the Dining Room. The octagonal Pigeon-Tower was another gift from the King. During Jacobean* and Georgian* days the Hall was reconstructed to form the present magnificent residence, and the great park was laid out.

The Entrance Hall has a wonderful oak staircase, carved mantle piece, furniture, and a handsome cabinet; the Dining Hall, besides the portraits, has a conspicuously beautiful ceiling, mouldings and frescoes, and two rare sideboards and wine-cooler; the lounge is chiefly interesting for its magnificent mantlepiece, with a panel of the Money-Changers, thought to be a Holbein*

Letters are delivered and despatched twice daily. London papers may be had at an early hour. The Cuisine and service are first-class Lawton Hall being noted for its catering and excellent cellar. Individual requirements receive personal consideration.

Wines, Spirits, Ales, Minerals, Chocolates, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Tobacco of the choisest brands, may be obtained in the Hotel... Dogs may be kept in the stables, but are not allowed in any part of the Hotel... Electric Light and Central Heating are installed

throughout. The sanitary-arrangements and water-supply are absolutely modern.

During the winter season, Gala Dinner Dances, which are attended by the numerous County Families in the surrounding districts, are held every Saturday evening. Fishing, Golf, Tennis, Croquet, Putting, Billiards etc., are free to residents. The close season for fishing is from March 15th to June 10th.

Lawton Hall is noted for its vegetables and fruit which may be purchased fresh daily from the Hotel Kitchen-Gardens, Vineries, Nectarine and Peach Houses .... Wedding-Receptions, Christmas and Birthday Parties, Dinners, Dances, and all public functions are arranged and catered for... This beautiful mansion makes an ideal first-class country hotel for forty or fifty guests, and its magnificent Dining-Hall and Lounges offer accommodation for Banquets, Receptions, Dinners, Dances, etc. for up to one hundred people.

An excellent service of first-class motor buses passes the entrance gates for Crewe, Hanley, Stoke, Burslem, Tunstall, etc..

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Apartments...	Single Bedrooms....		from 6/6	(33p)
	Double Bedrooms		13/-	(65p)
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Dinner ...	7 - 8.30..	Table d'Hôte..	4/-	(20p)
Supper...			3/-	(15p)
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	Fires : per day...		1/6	(8p)
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* The Confessor (i.e. Edward I) 1042 - 1066
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Henry VIII ... 1509 - 1547
{Charles II (The Merry Monarch) 1660 - 1685
{The Duke of Monmouth (His illegitimate son) 1649 - 1685
Sir Peter Lely.. Court Painter to Charles II
Jacobean.. (During the Reign of James I) 1603 - 1625
Georgian.. (During the Reigns of George I - IV) 1714 - 1830
Holbein.. Court Painter to Henry VIII 1497 - 1543

A REMARKABLE LADY 'IN-DEED'!

Among the paintings, which hung until recently in Lawton Hall, was a portrait of a lady, holding in her hand a scroll, on which was written, "Rights recovered." Behind this picture there lies a story of intrigue and determination...

The lady, born in 1747, was Anne, the daughter and co-heiress of Charles Crewe Esq., of Warmingham, a Cheshire M.P.

In 1770, at the age of twenty three, she married John, son and heir of Robert Lawton, Esq., on whose death in 1777 he inherited the Lawton estates.

By the time that John himself died in 1804, these estates had become sadly depleted, and many of the 'Deeds' relating to various lands and properties (which included several very valuable coal-mines) had fallen into the hands of his seemingly unscrupulous Steward, who resided at that time at Bridge Farm. How this had come about is not certain. Perhaps they had been made over as securities against loans, or had been used to settle debts.. it can only be speculated....

This sad state of affairs continued until one day in 1809 when news was sent to the Hall that the Steward had been found dead, sitting in his office-chair, with all his papers spread around him. Wasting no time, Anne soon covered the five hundred or so yards between the Hall and Bridge-Farm, arriving there before the body or anything else had been moved. There, she insisted on being locked in the Office, where, despite the presence of the Steward's body, she remained until she had sorted through all the papers, and recovered all those which she felt rightly belonged to the Lawton Estates.

Thus the family fortunes were restored by this remarkable lady, who was herself to live for only a few more months. She died on November 29th. 1810, at the age of sixty three.

Had the Steward outlived her there might have been quite a different ending to the story.

S.J.T.

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OUR CONNECTIONS WITH ST. WERBURGH

OUR SAINTLY CONNECTION

We do not know for certain just how long ago it was that the first church was built at Lawton. It is somewhere recorded that in 1180 we had a Rector named 'Edward' so we do know that there has been a church for at least 800 years. But Lawton may have had Christian beginnings long before that, for there is a tradition that the remains of St. Werburgh rested here overnight on their journey to Chester in 875A.D. and it may well be that there was already a simple church here in those days, as it is unlikely that such saintly-remains would have been taken in to any building other than a consecrated one...Or perhaps a rough shelter was erected for the night on a spot, which thereby became sanctified and the subsequent site for our earliest church. We will never know, and we can only speculate....

St. Werburgh had died around 699 A.D. and so you may well wonder just why her 'remains' came to be on the move nearly two hundred years after her death!

She was the daughter of Wulfere, a 7th Century King of Mercia (that ancient Kingdom which stretched from the Severn to East-Anglia in one direction, and from the Humber to the Thames in the other). It is said that he had already had two of his sons put to death for becoming Christians, but his heart must have softened a little towards his daughter, for he allowed her to enter the Abbey of Ely, where his Aunt happened to be Abbess. There, at a very tender age Werburgh herself took her vows, and in time she was appointed to take charge of four Mercian Nunneries - Trentham, Repton, Hanbury, and Weedon. It is said that she was so "virtuously disposed that she cared for no wordly honours but gave herself to godly and holy contemplations."

In due course she died - at Trentham. But having left instructions that she wished to be buried at Hanbury, it was to Hanbury she was taken, and it was there that she lay undisturbed for many many years.

But in 875, that part of the country became threatened by bands of marauding Danes, and when it was learned that some of them had reached Repton, only a few miles away, it was decided to take up the Remains of the Saint and take them to a safer place...And where else but to Chester - situated on the furthermost western boundary of the Kingdom, and well away, it was hoped, from the threatening Danes.

It must be remembered that not only were Saintly Remains greatly venerated in the Middle Ages, but they were also a great source of wealth to any church which possessed them. For those were the days when pilgrimages were fasionable, not only for the sick and disabled seeking miracle cures, but also for more ordinary folk for whom a pilgrimage was somewhat of a prestigious achievement and from which they would return feeling perhaps that a little saintliness had 'rubbed off on them" - so to speak - from their 'saintly' encounter. And of course, the deeper their pockets, the closer that encounter might be expected to be. The poor pilgrim with little in his purse might only be allowed a brief prayer at the shrine, whilst others, according to their means, might have the privilege of seeing or kissing the reliquary (the casket containing the remains); of being given a glimpse of the contents; or even of momentarily handling the relics themselves.

And so it was that any church which possessed so much as the thumb-bone of St. Thingumajig really was in business!

But perhaps our band of travellers had more spiritual motives for their journey to Chester. It would be nice to think that they had. Tradition has it that they rested their first night at Trentham, and that it was the second night of their journey which was spent at Lawton. It must have taken well over a week to cover the route, on roads which to us would seem little more than cart-tracks through the forest. Their destination reached, the Saint's remains were probably housed in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul which may have stood on the site of the present Cathedral. In due course an Abbey was built and dedicated to St. Werburgh, and an elaborately carved and decorated shrine was erected to contain her remains, and become a focal-point for pilgrims over the centuries. Sadly the shrine was destroyed during the Reformation, but parts of it have since been salvaged and a somewhat battered reconstruction of it can still be seen in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral to this day. But alas for those saintly relics which rested in Church Lawton over eleven hundred years ago and subsequently in the shrine, no trace remains.

Perhaps if you ever visit Chester Cathedral, and look at the shrine, you will remember its story, and how it is connected with our own parish at the other end of the County.

S.J.T.

This is a photocopy of a page of our ancient register which begins in 1559 → and is written on vellum (fine animal skin) pages. It is a list of baptisms starting in 1596, which read as follows (written in Latin):-

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Septembr 12°... Alicia filia Elen Cartwryght... illegiteme procreat... baptizat fuit.
(September 12th... Alice, daughter of Ellen Cartwright... illegitimately conceived... was baptis
xxj° die... Willim̃us filius Jacobi Beech de Woolsiston baptizat fuit.
(21st day... William, son of James Beech of Wolstanton, was baptised).
Novembr 10... Margaret filia Nicholai Hobson et Mg̃aret uxor baptizat fuit.
(November 10th.. Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Hobson and Margaret his wife, was baptised)
Decembr V^to... Ranulphus filius Willimi Kent de Rode fuit baptizat.
(December 5th.. Ralph, son of William Kent of Rode, was baptised)
January 10... Johẽs filius Ranulphi Lawton et Katherin eius uxor baptizat fuit.
(January 10th.. John, son of Ralph Lawton and Katherine.. wife of... was baptised)
February 13°.. Johẽs, filius Johis Muchell et Elen uxor eius baptizat fuit.
(February 13th.. John, son of John Muchell and Ellen, wife of.. was baptised)
xx jjj die.. Sara filia Willim̃i Weram et Eliz: uxor eius baptizata fuit.
(23rd day.. Sarah, daughter of William Warham, and Elizabeth.. wife of.. was baptised)
27 die eiusde mensis.. Ranulphus filius Petri Holford et Alic uxor euis baptizat fuit.
(27th day of the month. Ralph son of Peter Holford and Alice.. wife of.. was baptised)

Noiã baptizator a° dni 1597.

(Names of those baptised in the year of our Lord 1597)

1597.. July 15°.. Alicia filia Roberti Barker de Talke baptizat fuit.
(1597.. July 15th.. Alice, daughter of Robert Barker of Talke, was baptised)
die 23°.. Thomas, filius Helen Tompson ~ spurius baptis: fuit.
(23rd day.. Thomas, son of Helen Tompson.. illegitimate.. was baptised)
January xj^mo.. Thomas, filius Jacobi Clouse de Rode baptizatus fuit.
(January 11th.. Thomas, son of James Clowes of Rode, was baptized).
Die x jjj°.. Margaret filia Johis̃ Gibson de Woolsiston baptizat fuit.
(13th day.. Margaret, daughter of John Gibson of Wolstanton, was baptised).
Die xxjj° Thomas, filius Thome Beech Clici de Talke baptizat fuit.
(22nd day.. Thomas, son of Thomas Beech.. clerk.. of Talke, was baptised)
February xV^to.. Elena filia Willim̃i Stoniar de Rode baptizat fuit.
(February 15th.. Eleanor, daughter of William Stonier of Rode, was baptis
Die xxvj^to.. Johẽs filius Johis Twemloe de Rode baptizat fuit.
(26th day.. John, son of John Twemlow of Rode was baptised)
19° die Marty.. Johes filius Thome Hyndley et Johanne uxor eius baptizat fuit.
(19th March.. John son of Thomas Hindley and Joanne.. wife of.. was baptised).

Gmil iol: } Lawton .... John Lawton.. Rich Cartwright - Gard.
Rect ide }
(William Lawton, Rector of Lawton .... John Lawton.. Richard Cartwright.. Wardens).

N.B. Wolstanton, Rode, and Talke, are neighbouring parishes.

Septembr 12° Alicia filia Elen Cartwright
legitime procreat baptizat fuit.

xij° die Willelmus filius Jacobi Beech de Woolsiston
baptizat fuit.

Novembr 10 Margaret filia Nicholai Hobson
et Margaret uxor baptizat fuit.

Decembr 1° Randolphus filius Willelmi Dent
Rode fuit baptizat.

January 10 Johes filius Randolphi Lawton et
Katherine eius uxor baptizat fuit.

February 13° Johes filius Johis Mugar et Elen
uxor eius baptizat fuit.

xxiij die Cara filia Willelmi Weram et Eliz
uxor eius baptizata fuit.

27 die eiusdem mensis Randolphus filius Petri
Holfred et Alice uxor eius baptizat fuit.

Nomina baptizatorum a° dni 1597.

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die 23° Thomas filius Helen Tompson
spurius baptizat fuit.

January xj^mo Thomas filius Jacobi Eloase
Rode baptizat fuit.

die xiij° Margaret filia Johis Gibson de
Woolsiston baptizat fuit.

die xxij° Thomas filius Thome Beech
de Talke baptizat fuit.

February xv^to Elena filia Willelmi Don
Rode baptizat fuit.

die xxvj^to Johes filius Johis Twemloe
Rode baptizat fuit.

19° die Martij Johes filius Thome Ly
et Johanne uxor eius baptizat fuit.

Gmhel. Lawton & John Lawton [illegible]

A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THE TRAGEDY WHICH STRUCK LAWTON-CHURCH ON JUNE 20th. 1652 (By Ralph Sillito, Rector).

Whilst the Rector, Ralph Sillito, was preaching to a large congregation, eleven young men were killed instantly by lightning. In a letter to a friend, Mr. Sillito states that during the service there was a great deal of thunder and lightning. Commencing his sermon he had not... "Spoken very many words, but a sudden noise was heard in the bell-house, like the discharge of many muskets at once.... A dog began to yelp in the bell-house, and a boy cried out for his brother, upon which followed a noise and bustle among the people. A report was brought to the upper end of the church that no harm was done, but a dog killed. A second report that none were slain, but two or three did bleed. The third report was more sad - that three or four were slain. I spoke to the people, and told them to be still, and they readily hearkened. Some carried out their friends very silently, and the rest settled themselves. We continued the usual time. After the service was done, we had a sad spectacle. Eleven men and boys were stricken immediately dead (for I cannot certainly hear that any of them either spoke, or groaned, or stirred - but some sat, and some lay as though they had been asleep). No wounds, no bruises on any of them, only one to have his hair and ear burned a little. Another was scorched in the neck. On some of their clothes there were no signs of fire. All of them died in the bell-house where they sat or stood (by reason that the congregation is usually very full) except one boy who was seated in the lower end of the church, close to the bell-house-door. Many others were struck down but are likely to recover... The next morning I viewed the faces of the dead men, which were most of them black. One little boy, who was my scholar, a son of John Pursel's I viewed all over, and from the top of his ear to the sole of his feet he was black on the left side. On Monday, the dead were interred in eleven graves in our churchyard of Lawton, where there was a great throng of people. The names of those who fell in this mighty hand of God were:- William Beech of Butt Lane; William Wearham of Audley; Thomas Pool, blacksmith of Rode; John Haughton, servant to Mrs. Hancock of Rode; William Brereton, servant of John Stonier of Rode; Peter Capper, servant of Richard Merrill of Dawe Green, Alsager; John Parker of Sandbach; Antony, a lad born in Yorkshire; Francis Low, carpenter of Lawton; John Pursell, carpenter of Lawton."

(The eleventh victim was John Hall, whose name was omitted from the list).

The entry in the burial-register is written in Latin and reads as follows:- "1652.. Juny 21.. Franciscus Lowe. Johēs Pursell. Thomas Poole. Johēs Hall. Willimus Beech. Johēs Parker. Willm̃us Wearham. Petrus Capper. Johēs Haughton. Willm̃us Brereton et Antoinus puer Eboracensis sepulti fuerunt, qui obierunt subito fulmine proculsi die dominico in Campanili Ecclesia de Church Lawton & infinia parti navis ejusdem Ecclesiae"... Translated as follows:- ....They were buried.. who died suddenly by distant lightning on the Lords Day in the bell-tower of Church-Lawton, and the far part of the nave of the same Church..... Tradition has it that they were buried under the East-Window.

This is a photo-copy of the page from our ancient burial register on which is entered the burial of the eleven men who were killed when lightning struck the Church Tower in 1652. The entries read as follows :—

1649.. Februar 16°.. Robertus Lee..
(February 16th.. Robert Lee).
eodem die.. Infans Willimi Cleyton de Mosse
(The same day.. An infant of William Cleyton's of Moss)
Februar 28°.. Margareta uxor Thom Shawe de Mosse.
(Margaret, wife of Thomas Shaw of Mosse
1651.. Octob 20.. Vid Muchel de Lane.
(October 20th).. Widow Muchel of Lane.
27.. Infans Thomas Gough.
(27th.. An infant of Thomas Gough's)
March.. Joanna uxor Johis Rathbon de Talke.
(Joanne wife of John Rathbone of Talke.
1652. April 11.. Catharina uxor Rici Shipplebothom
(April 11.. Catherine, wife of Richard Shipplebothom).
Juny 21.. Franciscus Howe. Johes Pursell. Thomas Poole.
Johes Hall. Willmus Beech. Johes Parker.
Willmus Wearham. Petrus Capper. Johes Haughton.
Willmus Biereton, et Antoinius puer Eboracensis
sepulti fuerunt, qui obierunt subito fulmine prulsi
die dominico in Campanili Ecclesia de Church Lawton
& infinia parti navis ejusdem Ecclesiae.
(June 21st.. Francis Howe. John Pursell. Thomas Poole.
John Hall. William Beech. John Parker.
William Warham. Peter Capper. John Haughton.
William Biereton, and Anthony, a boy from Yorkshire,
who died suddenly by distant lightning, on the Lord's Day
(Sunday) in the bell-tower, of Church Lawton, and the
far part of the nave of the same Church).
Juny 30.. Johes filius Johis Eardley.. Infans.
(June 30th.. John son of John Eardley... Infant.)
Julij 5°.. Willmus Jackson de Thurlwood.
(July 5th.. William Jackson of Thurlwood).

N.B. Lane, Moss, and Thurlwood, are local areas.

1649 Februar 16 Robertus Lee
Eodem die Infans Willmi Clyton de Mosse
Februar 23 Margaretha uxor Thomæ Shawe de Mosse

1651 Octob. 20 Vicus Murgel de Lane
27 Infans Thomæ Gough.

Martii Joanna uxor Johis Ratzbon de Talle
1652 April 11 Catharina uxor Kiri Shippelotgom

Junii 21 Franciscus Lowe, Johes Purcell, Thomas Peele
Johes Hall, Willmus Beech, Johes Parker
Willmus Wearham, Petrus Capp
Johes Haughton, Willmus Brenton
et Antoinus puer Eboracensis sepulti
fuerunt, qui obierunt subito fulmine prolisi
die dominico in Campanili Ecclesiæ de Churg
Laxton & infima parte navis ejusdem Ecclesiæ

Junii 30 Johes filius Johis Eardley Infans
Julii 5° Willmus Jackson de Charlewood.

Sepulta apud Churg

ALL-SAINTS... CHURCH LAWTON.

ADAM AND EVE ALMS DISH.

PLATE WITH A HISTORY.

'Adam and Eve' Alms Dish... All Saints ...

The large brass plate which stands on the small credence table near the altar, is used to receive the collecting plates brought up to the front of the Church by Sidesmen during services.

It is said to be one of only four such surviving plates in the country, and is known as an 'Adam and Eve Alms Dish'.

Close inspection will reveal just why it has been given this name, for its centre bears a rather primitive, yet intricately-detailed picture of Adam and Eve, carefully tooled into the brass. Adam stands on the left, an ugly-looking club gripped in his right hand, whilst his left hand is stretched out towards Eve, who faces him on the right. He appears to be reaching out for the apple which she is temptingly holding up in her right hand. This is still attached to a branch, seemingly broken off from the tree behind them, and in its turn firmly held in the mouth of the serpent, which is coiled around the trunk of the tree, its head extended above Eve.

The figures have surprisingly shapely legs, and very distinct ribs, although the craftsman who carried out the work could not have been very knowledgeable about anatomy, as he only gave them three pairs each (and what happened to the one which Adam is supposed to have lost to Eve?) Behind the figures, the tree has beautifully-shaped branches and leaves, and bears several more apples. The rim of the plate has to be examined at close quarters to fully appreciate the delicate workmanship used in the intricate patterns which it bears; the two outer circles of pattern being built up by a continuous coiled-rope effect, the detail of which has to be seen to be believed.

Alas we have no record of just how old is the plate, and for how many centuries it has been in use in our Church, but we do however know that it was in use in 1817, for it was during that year that it mysteriously disappeared. Almost eighty years were to elapse before it was found, lying at the bottom of the canal, during dredging work, presumably having lain there for all the years it had been missing.

It is thought that it may have been stolen in the belief that it was made of gold, and on realization that it was merely brass, had been thrown by the thief into the canal. It is said that at the time of the discovery there was just one old lady in the parish who could remember back to the time when she had seen it being used in Church all those years previously.

Whether the evident signs of damage to the plate were a result of its sojourn in the canal, or merely the result of general wear and tear over the ages is not known. Whatever the cause, it was decided in 1968 that it was in need of urgent repair, and these repairs were carried out by Mr. L. Roberts, thus ensuring that this ancient vessel could continue in use in our Church for what we hope will be countless more generations yet to come.

S.J.T.

LAWTON - FURNACE.

For over a hundred years, from the middle of the seventeenth century onwards, there was in Lawton, an important furnace. It was probably situated in the region of the cross-roads at 'Red Bull', as the south-east corner there is still known to the older generation as 'Furnace Bank', and a cottage there, now demolished, was called Furnace-Cottage.

The function of the furnace was the production of 'pig-iron'... roughly-cast iron made by smelting ironstone brought in from mines in nearby areas of North-Staffordshire. This was then sold to forges where it would be made into items varying from farm tools to flat-irons; and doubtless much of it ended up clattering up and down the roads of Cheshire and Staffordshire on the hooves of horses and the rims of cartwheels.

Records tell us that in the years 1696 - 1702 the average annual output reached 700 tons, and that in the two following years this increased to 900 tons. Assuming that no work was done on Sundays this means that the furnace must have been producing almost three tons of pig-iron daily. Records also tell us that some of it was sold as far afield as Bewdley in Worcestershire, some fifty miles away from Church Lawton, and to where it was doubtless conveyed by pack-horse, and possibly by boat down the River Severn on the last part of its journey.

The smelting itself was done with charcoal, huge quantities of which must have been needed to feed the furnace, and produce the heat required to render the ironstone into pig-iron, and it is safe to assume that there must have been many charcoal-burners scraping a living in the woodlands of South Cheshire during that period when the furnace was in operation, especially as there was also a rival furnace two miles down the road at 'Street', which must surely have been sited somewhere near Boden-Hall, for that part of the Knutsford Road is still called Street-Lane.

The Furnace was leased to the Foleys, who had a number of furnaces in this part of the Country, and it was under the direction of ironmasters such as Thomas Hall, Edward Hall, and Daniel Cotton, whose position gave them some great standing in the community. One of the church-bells was donated by them, and is inscribed, "The gift of the Present Ironmasters of Lawton Furnace out of true respect to the Parish of Lawton, 1713". (The bell, of course, was not made at the furnace, being cast in bronze, not iron).

Eventually, the supply of timber available for charcoal-burning became more scarce, and competition for it became keener. Thomas Hall, in a desperate attempt to keep the Lawton Furnace in operation, made a 'take-over-bid for Street Furnace, which after buying, he subequently

dismantled - an effective but dramatic way of maintaining supremacy. However, this produced only a short-lived reprieve, for soon the last supplies of charcoal were exhausted, and Lawton Furnace, too, fell into disuse. Had it managed to keep going just a little longer, things may have been very different, for by that time, over in Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, Abraham Derby had disovered how to smelt iron using coke instead of charcoal, and who knows but that with the subsequent building of the Trent and Mersey Canal, and later the North Staffordshire Railways, Church Lawton may have developed into a thriving industrial area instead of the peaceful rural parish that it is today.

S. J. T... 1981

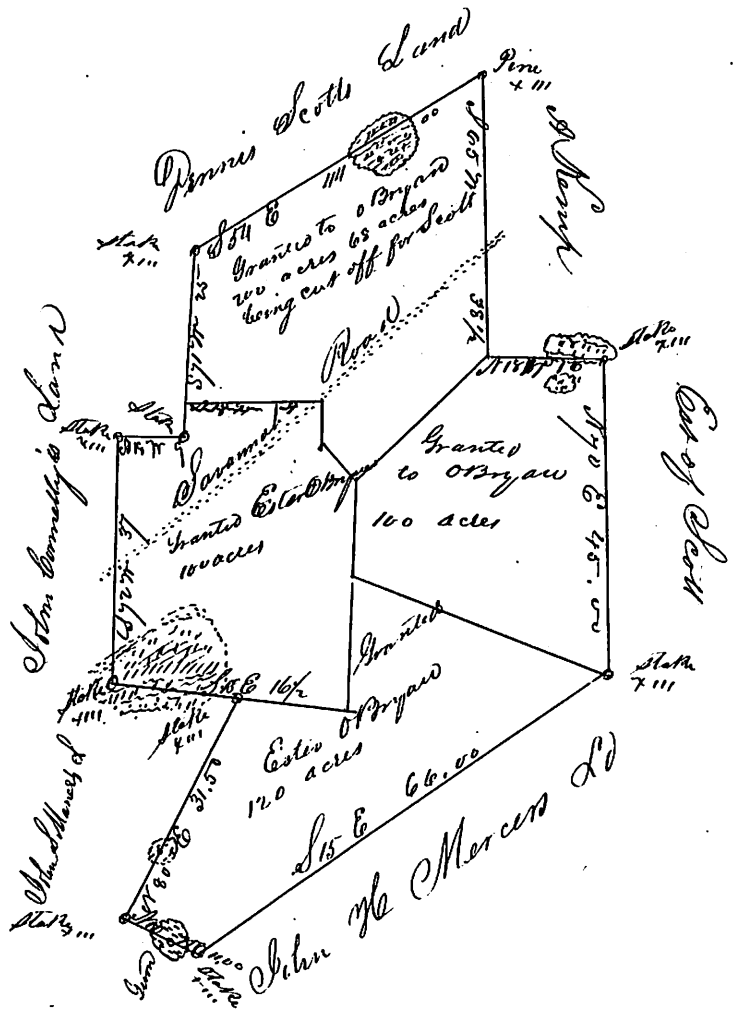
Two of the oldest gravestones in the churchyard are those of a Lawton Furnace stocktaker and his wife, who lie side by side below the east window. Their inscriptions read as follows :-

HERE LYETH
THE BODY OF
JOHN PROBERT.
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE MARCH Y 20th
ANNO DOMINI 1712
HE WAS STOCKTAKER AT
MADELEY FURNACE SEA-
VEN YEARS, AND THE
SAME AT LAWTON FUR-
NACE ABOUT TWENTY FOUR
YEARS.

HERE LYETH
THE BODY OF MARGERY
THE WIFE OF JOHN PRO-
BERT WHO WAS STOCK
TAKER AT LAWTON FUR-
NACE. SHE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE DECEMBER
THE SEVENTEENTH DAY.
AND WAS INTERRED THE
TWEN'TH OF DECEMBER
ANNO DOMINI 1712.

A tombstone in the South-West corner of the churchyard bears an inscription which refers to Street-Forge:-

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF SARAH
DAUGHTER OF JOHN PADDY OF STREET FORGE
WHO IN HOPE OF A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION WITH
HUMILITY, PATIENCE AND CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE
WORTHY OF IMITATION, RESIGNED HER SOUL TO
GOD ON THE 20th. DAY OF APRIL 1770 AND
IN THE 19th YEAR OF HER AGE.



Georgia
Scriven County

The above plat represents a body of Land Surveyed for Robert T Lawton and found by said Survey to contain four hundred and thirty four acres

February 9th 1854.

John W Roberts
Sur

Georgia
Screven County } This Indenture made this "ninth" day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four between Thomas Gross of the State and County aforesaid on the one and Robert T Lawton of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and thirty dollars to me in hand paid at and before the receipt and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Robert T Lawton all that tract or parcel of land containing four hundred and thirty four acres a copy thereof which is hereunto annexed; to him and to his heirs forever and I do hereby bind myself my heirs and executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto him the said Robert T Lawton and to his heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs and against all whomsoever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.
Signed Sealed and delivered the day and year above named in presence of }
The word "Tenth" in second line from top erased & "ninth" inserted on first page and "to" on line of second page erased
M E Sandawn
John W Roberts

Thos Gross (Seal)

Georgia
Screven County } Personally appeared before me I Lawton Singletton a Notary Public, in and for said County, Mary E Sandon who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that, on the ninth day of February 1854 A.D. in her presence, she saw Thomas Gross, sign, seal, and deliver the forgoing deed to Robert T Lawton and that John W. Roberts, in her presence did also sign the same, with her, as a witness, and that she also did also sign the same as a witness, on the day aforesaid
Sworn to and and subscribed before me
this 10th February 1854
I Lawton Singletton [N P]

M E Sandon

Recorded this 14th day of September 1854
Robert L Sharpe Clk

State of Georgia } This Indenture made and entered into this fourth
Scriven County } day of July eighteen hundred and sixty three;
between John H Smith of said State and county of the one part and
his Wife Eliza Smith and her children of the second part, witnesseth that
whereas there is a certain tract of land lying and being in said
county containing two hundred acres more or less, and butting and
bounding lands of Robert T Lawton, lands of Estate of Alexander
Kemp, and lands of William Kemp, lying and being near "Lawtons
Mills" on Beaver Dam Creek, and butting the lands of said Lawton lying
around said mills, And whereas one Peter Reddick acknowledges to have
duly executed about twenty years ago, a deed of conveyance conveying the
said tract of two hundred acres of land to the said Eliza Smith wife of said
John H Smith and her children, which deed of conveyance from said
Peter Reddick, to said Eliza and her children has been lost, and no sufficient
evidence of its contents can be obtained to establish the same. And whereas the
said John H and Eliza Smith have this day duly executed a deed of Bargain
and Sale whereby they convey to said Robert T Lawton the said tract of two hundred
acres, And whereas the said John H Smith is desirous of giving to his said
wife and his children now living a tract of land that will be more than and
equivalent for the said two hundred acres, and in lieu of the same, now for
and in consideration of the said deed of Bargain and Sale executed by said
Eliza Smith, and the premises before stated, as well as the natural Love and
affection that I have for my wife and her children, I have given, granted
bargained, sold and conveyed and by these do give grant, bargain sell and
convey unto said Eliza Smith and her children, all that tract or parcel of
land situate lying and being in said county, containing six hundred and five acres
and butting and bounding lands of Alfred Roth, lands of James M Roberts,
lands of Benjamin Prescott and the waters of Brier Creek. Share and share
alike. The share of said Eliza Smith, for her sole and separate use, free from
the debts or contracts of her present or future husband. To Have and to Hold the
said tract of six hundred and five acres of land together with all and singular
the rights members and appertenances thereto belonging or appertaining to their
own proper use. Benefit and behoof, to them their heirs and assigns forever
in fee simple. Provided nevertheless that if the said Eliza Smith or her
said children, or either of them shall ever hereafter set up any claim to any
part or parcel of the said two hundred acre tract of land conveyed by said
John H and Eliza Smith to Robert T Lawton, or attempt to disturb the possession
of the said Robert T Lawton or his assigns or heirs, in and to said tract of
land, by the commencement of any suit by the said Eliza or her said children or either of
them, or by their assigns representatives or heirs, for the recovery of the said
two hundred acre tract of land or any part thereof, then the said tract of
six hundred and five acres of land, shall revert back to said John H Smith,
and the right and title of said Eliza Smith and her said children each and all shall
cease and determine, and the said Robert T Lawton, his heirs or assigns, upon the
happening of the event before mentioned, which shall determine and cease
the Estate of said Eliza, and her children, in and to said said tract of six

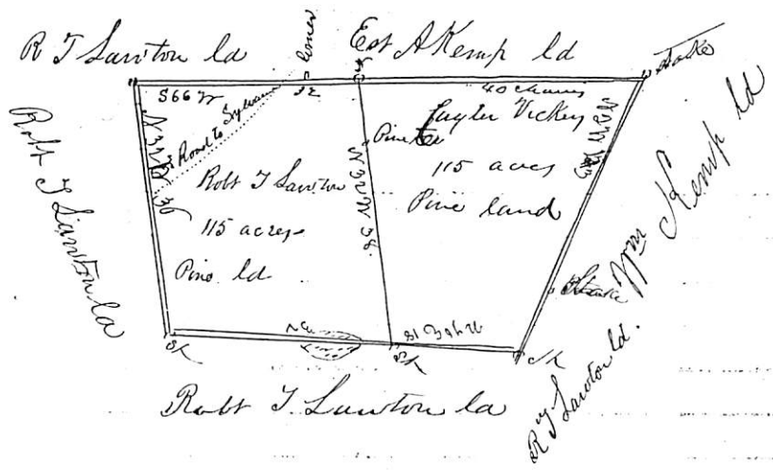
Hundred and five acres, of land, shall hold this present Indenture as a lien upon said last mentioned tract of land to secure to him the payment of sixteen hundred dollars and interest from this date being the amount of purchase money paid by him to said Eliza and John H Smith, for said two hundred acre tract of land, as also the value of any improvements he may have placed upon said tract of land, the said lien to take precedence of any judgements, claims or other liens, that may hereafter be in existence.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
Wensley Hobby.
Benj F Scott J I C.

John H Smith {S.S}

Recorded this 7th day of July 1863 — Robert D Sharpe Clk



Georgia
Scriven Co} The above plat represents a tract of land containing two hundred and thirty acres, having such shape form and marks as the above plats exhibits, and lying and being situate in the county aforesaid; and this day sold by John H Smith to Robert T Lawton for two hundred and twenty (200) acres, more or less, but found to contain two hundred and thirty acres by resurvey according to the above plat.
One half of the above tract of land was sold by said Robert T Lawton to Cuyler Vickery of said county, as designated by a dividing line, and the names of the parties on the above plat

July 4th 1863 — certified By. Robert D Sharpe Surveyor

Georgia, Scriven County } I hereby acknowledge to have made a deed of conveyance, To Eliza Smith wife of John H Smith and her children, for two hundred acres of land lying in said county near Beaver Dam Creek adjoining lands of Robert T Lawton, William Kemp and estate of A Kemp, said deed being in fee simple. & supposed to lost, said deed having been executed about twenty years ago.

In presence of
Michael Frawley
Wensley Hobby Not Pub—

Peter his mark Reddick

State of Georgia Scriven County } This Indenture made and entered into this fourth day of July eighteen hundred and sixty three between John H Smith and his wife Eliza Smith of the first part and Robert T Lawton of the second part, all of said State and county, witnesseth that said John H and Eliza Smith for and in consideration of the sum of sixteen hundred dollars to them in hand paid by said Robert T Lawton at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant, bargain sell and convey unto the said Robert T Lawton his heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in said county containing two hundred acres, be the same more or less, and butting and bounding lands of Robert T Lawton, lands of the Estate of Alexander Kemp deceased and lands of William Kemp, lying and being near "Lawton's Mills" on Beaver Dam Creek, and butting the lands of said Lawton lying around said Mills, To Have and to Hold the said tract of land unto him the said Robert T Lawton his heirs and assigns together with all and singular the rights members and appertenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to his and their own proper use benifit and behoof forever in fee simple.— And the said John H and Eliza Smith for themselves, their heirs Executors and administrators, the said bargained premises unto him the said Robert T Lawton his heirs and assigns, will warrant and defend the right and title thereof against themselves and against the claim of every other person whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said John H and Eliza Smith hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Wensley Hobby
Benj F Scott J H C

John H Smith {LS}
Eliza her mark Smith {LS}

Recorded this 7th day of July 1863— Robert D Sharpe
C.V.C.

Georgia Scriven County } This Indenture made this fourth day of July Eighteen hundred and sixty three between Robert T Lawton of said State and county of the first part and Cuyler Vickry Senior of the same place of the second part. Witnesseth that said Robert T Lawton for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty three cents, to him in hand paid by Wensley Hobby for said Vickry at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Hath granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and quit claimed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and quitclaim unto said Vickry his heirs and assigns all that tract of land lying and being in said county, containing one hundred acres, more or less, butting and bounding lands of Robert T Lawton, lands of William Kemp; and lands of Estate of Alexander Kemp, the same being one half of tract this day conveyed by Eliza and John H Smith to Robert T Lawton, having such shape and bounds as appears by reference to a plat made by Robert D Sharpe July 4th 1863, and hereto annexed. To Have and to Hold the said tract of land unto him the said Cuyler Vickry senior his heirs and assigns to them and their own proper use benifit and behoof together with all and singular the rights members and appertenances, thereunto belonging or appertaining forever in fee simple. Reserving to myself the growing crop now on said land

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

July 4th 1863 —

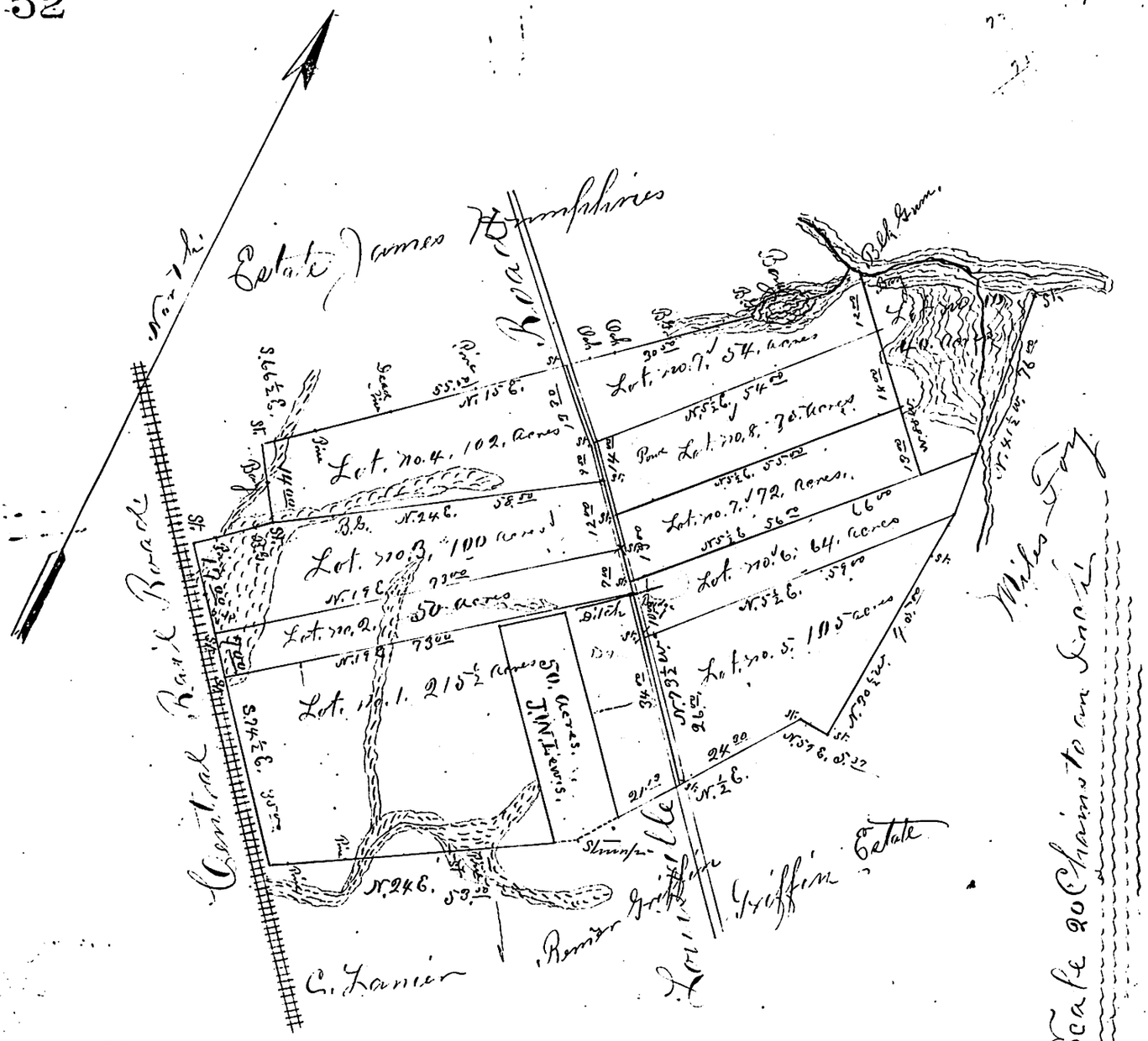
Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
John H Smith
Robert D Sharpe Ct Supplet
Scriven Co Ex officio

R T Lawton [SS]

For record of plat see page 385 —

Recorded this 7th day of July 1863 — Robert D Sharpe Ct E

Georgia Scriven County } This Indenture made this seventeenth day of February Eighteen hundred and sixty three Between William P Morgan of said county of the first part, and Mary E Morgan of said county of the second part. Witnesseth that the said William P Morgan for an in consideration of the natural and affection which he has unto her his wife Mary E Morgan as well as of five Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Mary E Morgan at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents hath given granted aliened released and confirmed conveyed and delivered, and by these presents doth give grant aliened release and confirm convey and deliver unto the said Mary E Morgan unto her successors and assigns a negro woman named Josephine and child named Walter the woman dark complected about sixteen years old the child light complected about one year old a boy and the future increase issues and profits thereof as well at law as Equity as the said party of the first part of in Or to



GEORGIA,
Screven County.

The above plat represents (877½) Eight hundred and Seventy Seven ½ acres and is known as the Lawton Place, and was divided at the instance of Cary G. Arnett, representative for the Empire Life Ins. of Atlanta, into lots as above discribed,

Lot. no. 1. 215½ acres, Lot. no. 2. 50 acres, Lot. no. 3. 100 acres, Lot. no. 4. 10[illegible]
Lot. no. 5. 105. acres Lot. no. 6. 64. acres. Lot. no. 7. 72 acres, Lot. no. 8. 75 acres.
Lot. no. 9. 54. acres. Lot. no. 10. 40. acres.

Surveyed 24 to 29th. October 1910.

By C. W. Crawley. C.S.S. Co.

Remer. Foy
Enriens Griffin } c.c.
Ins. Foy

Fee. $30.00

Plats sent to Cary G. Arnett, Holcyondale

State of Georgia, Fulton County.

This indenture made this 22nd day of July, A.D. 1898, between Mrs. E. M. Lawton, widow, of the city of Pensacola, Florida, of the first part, and William Fisher of the same place as trustee for Helen M. Fisher, Robert Singleton, Walter Singleton, Kate Lawrence, John Livingston and Adelle Singleton of the second part, witnesseth: that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the love and affection which the said party of the first part bears to the said Helen M. Fisher, Robert Singleton, Walter Singleton, Kate Lawrence, John Livingston and Adelle Singleton, and also in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars the hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, forever, the following described real estate situated in the 20th District G.M. in the county of Sumter, State of Georgia, to wit:

Beginning at a stake on Central Railroad, as shown by the plat of survey of the lands of Thomas Hatchkiss, deceased, recorded on the 17th day of December 1869, in the minutes of the Superior Court of said Sumter county, on folios 385 and 386, and running thence north 24 degrees west 50.10 chains to a pine, thence north 4 degrees west 50 chains to black jack, thence north 58 degrees west 5.60 chains to stake, thence north 34 degrees west 66.50 chains to stake, thence north 45 degrees west 38 chains to corner on creek, thence following southward about 47 chains to where line leaves creek, thence south 12 degrees, west 78 chains to a stake, thence south 70 degrees east 12 chains to B Gum stump, thence south 16 degrees west to stake just south of Central railroad, thence south 77 degrees ~~[illegible]~~ east 60.75 chains to the point of beginning, containing nine hundred and eleven (911) acres, more or less, a plat of said lands being hereto attached and marked "Exhibit 'A'," and made a part hereof.

To have and to hold all and singular the above granted premises, together with appurtenances, and every part thereof, unto the said party of the second part, his successors and assigns, forever in fee, upon trusts, nevertheless, and to and for uses

interests and purposes hereinafter limited, described and declared — that is to say, upon trust to receive the issues, rents and profits of the said premises, and apply the same to the use of said Helen M. Fisher during the time of her natural life, or to sell the same, as said party of second part, trustee as aforesaid, may deem best, on such terms as to him shall seem meet, and reinvest the proceeds in real estate or goods and productive stocks bonds, notes or mortgages and receive the issues, rents and profits, interest or income, arising therefrom and apply the same to use of the said Helen M. Fisher during the term of her natural life, and after the death of the said Helen M. Fisher to convey by deed the said premises hereinafter described, or in case the party of the second part, trustee as aforesaid, shall have sold the same and re-invested the proceeds as herein provided, the real estate, stocks bonds, notes or mortgages, as the case may be, in which such proceeds shall have been re-invested, to Robert Singleton, Walter Singleton, Kate Lawrence, John Livingston and Adele Singleton, share and share alike in fee.

In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Mrs. E. M. Lawton. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

as to Mrs. Em Lawton Mrs. E. Henderson

Elliot H. Mathews, N.P. Fulton Co, Ga

W M Fisher. (Seal)

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as to W M Fisher Jas W. Andrews

Ed Biggs

State of Georgia, Fulton County.

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Mrs. E. M. Lawton, to me well known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing deed of conveyance, and acknowledged to and before me, she executed the same of her own free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 22nd day of July 1898.

Mrs. Em Lawton

Elliott H. Mathews.

N.P. Fulton Co Ga

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E H M
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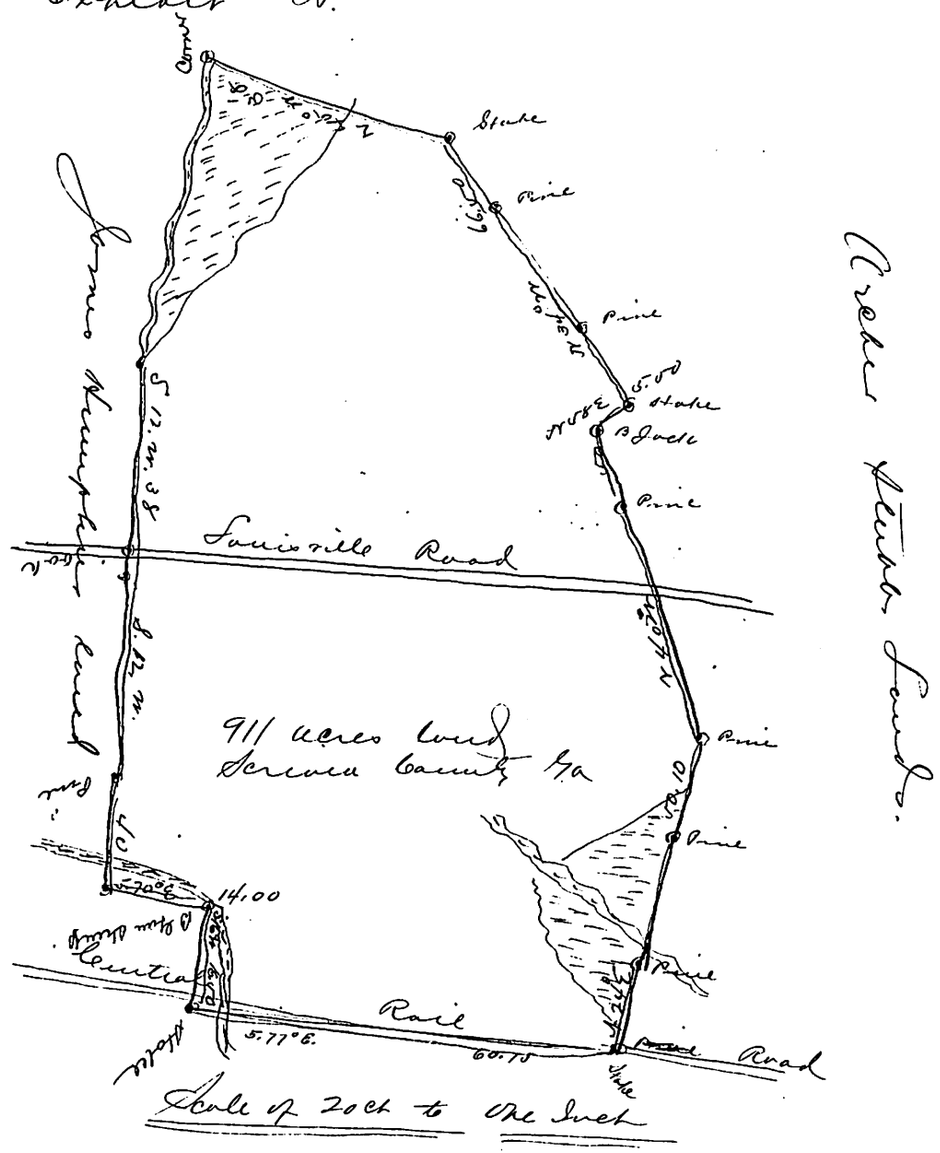
Recorded Aug 3, 1898
R. M. Bryan, Clk.

(See page 439.)

Exhibit "A."



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Witnesses:
Robt Alston
N P Fulton Co Ga

Mrs. E. M. Lawton

Recorded Aug 3, 1898.
R. M. Bryan. Clk.

(See page 499)

State of Georgia, Screven County:

This indenture, made the second day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety eight, between William Patrick, sheriff of the county of Screven of the first part, and E. K. Overstreet of the second part, witnesseth, that whereas, in obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the ordinary's court of the county of Screven, at the suit of H. C. Poythress as guardian of C. W. Conner, against A. B. Conner and J. P. Conner as administrators of John R. Conner, deceased, the said William Patrick, sheriff aforesaid, did lately seize the property hereinafter described as the property of said A. B. Conner and J. P. Conner as administrators of said J. R. Conner, and as the property of the estate of said John R. Conner, deceased, and after notice served upon the said A. B. Conner and J. P. Conner as such administrators, and being duly and publicly advertised, agree-

Is this correct or the Mrs. W. A Lawton I thought it was my grandmother Mrs. T. O. Lawton?

*Land given to Anna Cordelia Peeples Morrison as a wedding present by her father, Capt. Edward Hardin Peeples (1811-1872) in 1864.

+ Silver Hill Plantation built 1828

ing embraced in the bonds of Christian hope and charity the Pi of every Denomination."

The other outsider, a Doctor Samuel Perry, was greatly belov according to the inscription, an implied reason for his placem there amid Bosticks, Maners, Martins. and their kin.

LENA

A feeling of tranquility mounts the heart as one nears the sm village of Lena (Station), S. C. Little is left of the settlement t was seemingly so prosperous a few decades ago. Then comes innersatisfaction of knowing all, as has been well with many those folk born and reared in this little spot. Lena is located wh the Nixville Road and the Southern Railroad cross, just east Filley Branch. This branch is one of, if not, the smallest north flowing streams in the world, emptying into Lake Warren, S. The young folk in the community delighted in some good swi with the first high water of Spring.

Most of this land, prior to the establishment of the village, l longed to the Lawtons and Morrisons.* Earlier it had b Willingham land. The land east of the railroad belonging to t Lawtons and west of the railroad on to Estill belonging to t Morrisons.

+ The original ancestral Lawton home was built by the Willi hams long before the War Between the States, and was occupi by four generations of Lawtons. Mrs. ~~W. A.~~ Thomas O. Lawton, Sr. was Willingham. This home survived the Civil War only to be raz by fire in March of 1930. The original home site is owned by grandson, Wesley Lawton, where for years he has owned and o erated Lawton Poultry Farm. This family afforded many fi Christians—five missionary sons, five missionary daughters, th Baptist preachers, and two doctors along with many fine laym Mrs. ~~W. A.~~ T. O. Lawton, Sr. was known for her missionary work in t community among the white and colored. Through her reque Mr. Lawton built a one room mission where Sunday School f the colored was held. Later this small building was used for white school house where Miss Mamie Lawton was the fi teacher.

The Joseph Valentine Morrison home set on a hill close by the road, half way between Estill and Lena. This home was built in 1901 and burned in 1942. The home site is owned by Harry S. Morrison, Jr., a great-grandson.

Around 1900, the Southern Railroad built a railroad through these plantations linking Savannah, Ga. and Columbia, S. C. The crewmen camped on ~~W. A.~~ To. Lawton's land while working. During this time the men learned to know Mr. Lawton's lovely young daughter, ~~Aline~~ Allene, and requested that the station be named for her. Since the station of Allendale was so near and the names so similar, Lena was decided upon.

Mr. William Ravenal Tison was the first depot agent, and remained there for forty-five years. The only other agent being Mrs. Bartley Hughes of Furman. until the station closed in December, 1962. The depot building was torn down in January, 1963. The railroad brought much excitement to the little community and soon business starting springing up all around.

Henry S. Morrison built and operated the first store in 1901 until his death in 1912. This business remained opened until recent years, later being run by Mr. Manny Smith, and then Harry S. Morrison, Sr.

Henry Morrison built two homes, one in 1901 and another in 1906. These houses are still standing and one is presently owned by a grandson, J. F. Wyman, Jr. of Estill.

The original Delacy Wyman house built for his bride, Aline Lawton, is still standing with its gigantic oak in the front so graceful and at peace with the world. This place is now owned by Admiral John B. Mallard, a relative of the Lawtons.

Mr. Ben Peeples built the first brick building—a variety store known as Peeples Supply Company was opened downstairs, and living quarters were upstairs. This building is now owned by W. J. Synott where he and "Bob" Cameron have owned and operated Synott and Cameron Honey Farms, a bee industry that was new to our community during the forties. Mr. Synott also operates E. Z. Tractor Company.

Mr. Herbert Lawton owned and operated the first sawmill. This was in operation shortly after the turn of the century. This was a right large mill employing many people. It was during this time that a hotel was in operation and a bank was chartered in 1912.

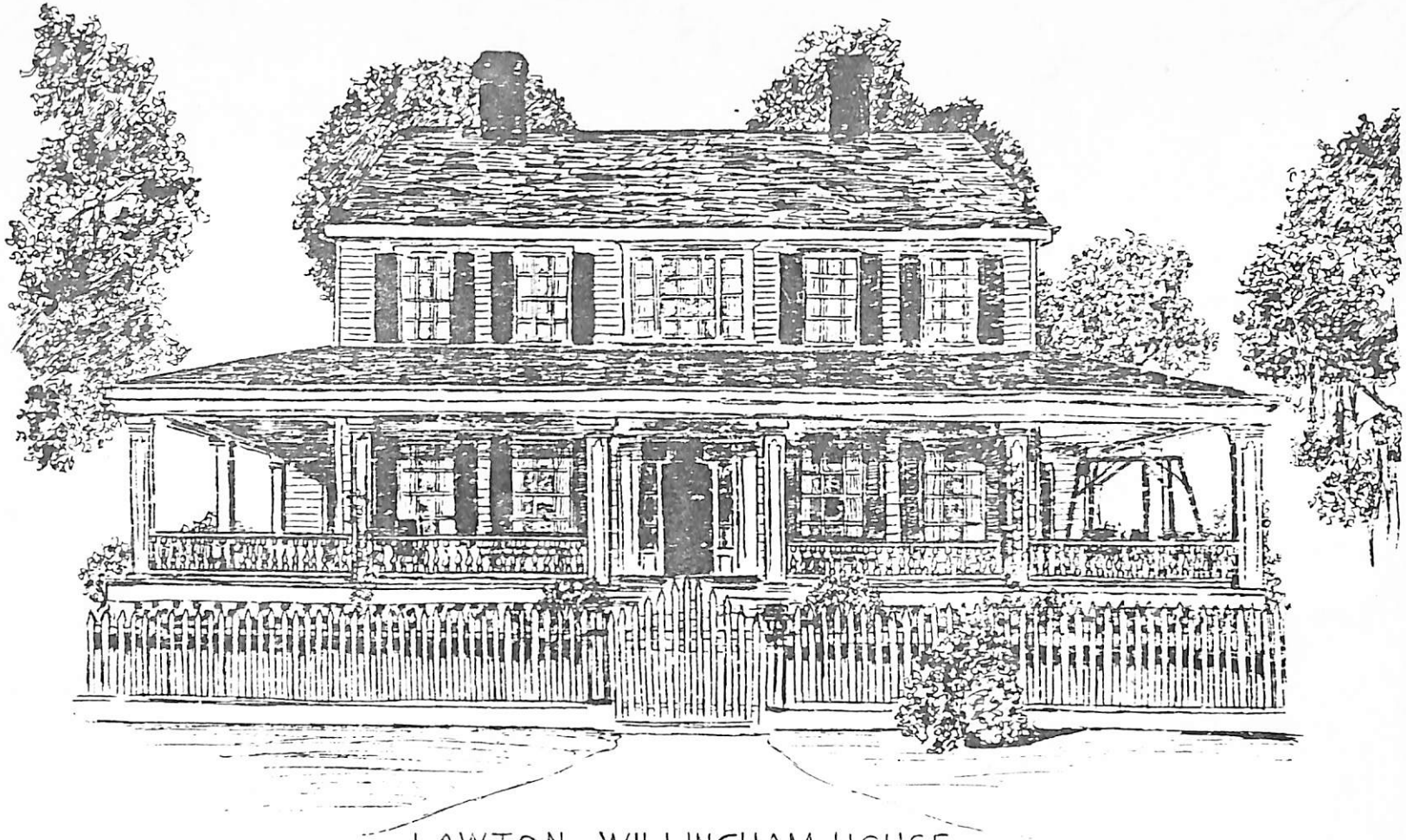
Mr. W. B. Trowell bought part of the Joseph Valentine Morrison estate prior to 1931 when he built his home, now standing. Mr. Trowell had the first blacksmith shop, first gritsmill, and was the first in Lena to put down a gasoline pump. While operating the above he also had a sawmill known as the "Push Hard Sawmill." The vehicle used in this business was called the "Leapen Lena." This family produced five fine high school athletes.

Mr. Manny Smith, a pioneer pole and pulpwood agent shipped through Wset Virginia the first poles and pulpwood shipped from this community from Lena in the 1930's.

In recent years, Mrs. G. G. Trowell opened the first florist shop known as "The Village Florist", and the T. R. Trowells have the first nursery.

The Herbert Lawton farm again brought a first to Lena when it was bought by Hagood Pecan Farm (1940's) and pecans were raised there. This farm is presently owned by Louis Pierson, a cattle and pecan farmer.

The Willingham Home, later the Lawton Home, now burned.



LAWTON-WILLINGHAM HOUSE
LENA-HAMPTON COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA
1828 - 1930

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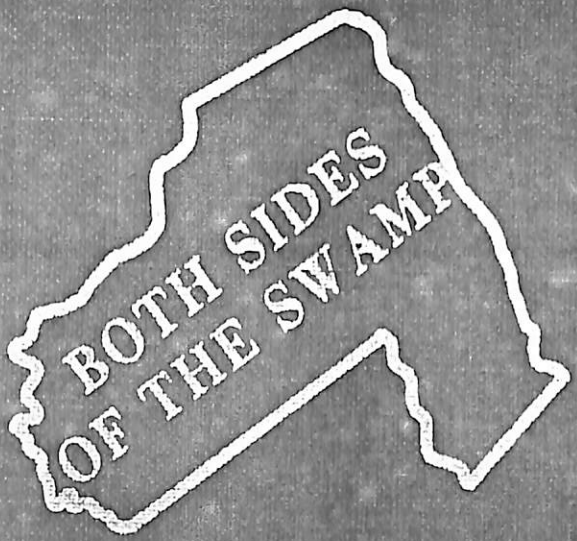

HAMPTON COUNTY

Lawton Hall

Lawton Hall, in which our English Ancestors resided, is thus described in Ormerod's History of Cheshire, England - Vol. III -

"Lawton Hall is a handsome and spacious building of brick, standing on a natural terrace, the offices are disposed of as wings. Its architecture is chiefly of the reigns of James 1st, and George 2nd.

New wings were built about half a century since, and the interior of the house has undergone some additions since then.

A small oak-pannelled dining room is said to have been used by Charles 2nd and must therefore have formed part of the older residence. Beneath a passage leading from the lesser drawing room to the library exists an apartment approached by a trap door, to which tradition points as the hiding place of the King.

The pictures in Lawton Hall are chiefly portraits. Those by Lely of the King and Monmouth, hanging in the dining room

In front of the house is a sheet of artificial water, about one third of a mile long, and the grounds extend to the Parish Church at the back of the Manor. From the above it is seen, that before the Restoration, Charles the 2nd was in hiding in Lawton Hall, which on account of its position was peculiarly well adapted for the purpose. Tradition says that during that time he stood sponsor for his host's 'eldest son.' The drinking cup presented by the King to his 'god child' on the occasion, with the remark - that he had naught else to offer, is still in existence. The mother of the infant heir, so highly honored, moved from Lawton Hall, and later, through intermarriage, the trophy fell into the hands of the Earls of Longford.

A curiously carved snuff box bearing the royal arms and cipher, and also as a memento of the occasion, the coat of arms of Lawton was also left by the aforesaid "Merrie Monarch" at Lawton where they still remain.

Subsequently, the King presented his own portrait, and that of the Duke of Monmouth, painted by Lely as previously mentioned as being at the Hall."

The book "Vale-Royal of England" by Daniel King, published in London in 1656- has an interesting excerpt referring to the Lawton family of Cheshire. p. 77

Ormerod also states that the Lawtons being "Latime" in France, came to England with "the Conqueror".

(There is a mass of detail which was too long for me to copy- I can use the book, in the N. Y. Public Library - 5th Ave. & 42nd St.)

The 460 acre tract of Captain William Lawton adjacent to his 200 acre home plantation on Edisto

1. JAMES CUTHBERT made a memorial for 460 acres in Colleton County summarizing a chain of title to a grant of 900 acres to HENRY BOWER on February 1, 1707. This is from the index only and needs to be more completely abstracted. See #0030-00 2-0007 00404 02 in South Carolina Archives Microfilm. It is strange that WILLIAM LAWTON's memorial refers to King's Grant to Cuthbert.

2. WILLIAM LAWTON memoralizes 460 acre tract on March 3, 1757 in Memorial Book 7, pp. 141-142, South Carolina Archives. The memorial was exhibited in the Office of the Auditor General for South Carolina... the lands had been conveyed to WILLIAM LAWTON by JAMES CUTHBERT by an indenture dated the 22nd and 23rd of January 1756... that JAMES CUTHBERT had originally received the lands by grant from his MAJESTY KING GEORGE II on 22 March 1742 at the quit rent of 1 page Proclamation Monery per hundred acres:

   460 acres bounded:
   South: JAMES PALMENTER'S (PARMENTER'S) LANDS, Now Heirs of JAMES CLARKE, WILLIAM LAWTON'S Lands, formerly WILLIAM TILLY'S Lands.
   North: On a creek out of Edisto River
   North and East: Mr. DANIEL TOWNSEND'S lands

3. WILLIAM LAWTON's will of October 9, 1757, recorded on December 9, 1757, Will Book 1767-71, p. 507, Charleston County Probate Court, leaves the CUTHBERT trust to his son, JOSIAH LAWTON.

   Josiah Lawton's will of 15 October 1757 and proved on December 9, 1757 (the same day his father's was probated) left this land to his brother JEREMIAH LAWTON.

   The third son of this first marriage was William Lawton, Jr. who died about January 1, 1759. (date his intestate estate was appraised)

   Jeremiah Lawton who had inherited this land through his brother Josiah Lawton died young and unmarried in 1762. His estate was appraised on May 20, 1762. So Jeremiah Lawton's only heir to the whole blood was his sister, Sarah Lawton Seabrook, who would have inherited the land.

4. No abstract has been done of this property since it would have been inherited by Sarah Lawton Seabrook but there are some letters from her in the Edisto Island Collection at Furman University concerning land rents. These may have to do with the 100 acre creece tract left to the Baptist Church that was the subject of a law suit between the Baptist and Presbyterian church. These papers are supposed to be at Furman, according to Leah Townsend.

Chain of Title (ascertainedd as of July 1989) of the 200 acre plantation where Captain William Lawton lived when he died in October 1757 on Edisto Island (This tract was adjacent to another tract of 460 acres he owned)

1. Benjamin Wilmon (or Wellman, or Wilamon) was granted a tract of 300 acres on Edisto Isalnd on 14 May 1707. This fact is recited in the William Tilly Memorial and in the Joseph Lawton deed of 1774 to John Hanahan.

   However, the above grant, nor the plat referred to of this tract in the Joseph Lawton to Hanahan has not been found. One grant to Benjamin Wellman of 200 acres on Edisto Island on 20 May 1697, is found in Salley, Warrants for Land, etc. p. 574

1a. NOTE: In the William Tilley Memorial of 21 May 1733, he mentions that Isaac Willman sold a 100 acre portion of this tract unto Mathew Crese.

   Leah Townsend states that the Baptist Congregation bought in 1730 of Mathew Creece (or Crees) a tract of 100 acres adjoining the Church lot (two acres had been given by Ehpriam Mikell in 1726 which was put in the hands of trustees Charles Odingsell, Joseph Sealy, Sr., William Elliot, Sr., John Sheppard and Samuel Screven) for use of an Antipedobaptist Minister as a glebe but states that this deed has not been found. See Townsend, South Carolina Baptists 1670-1805.

   Note when Joseph Lawton sold this 200 acres in 1774 he gives as the Southern Boundary "By the 100 acre part of said three hundred acres now belonging to the parsonage of a Baptist Congregation."

2. Thomas Grimball surveyed this tract to Wimmiam Tilly by deed of Release on January 1732-33 (see #3) but this deed has not been found.

3. William Tilly made a memorial on 6 January 1732-33 for "one tract of land containing 300 acres lying in St. Paul's Parish, Collecton County, granted unto Benjamin Wellman by a grant dated the 14th day of May 1707 at the yearly rent of 1 shilling per 100 acres, butting on the North and Northwest by creek coming out of North Edisto River and on Lands of WILLIAM FRY, to the south west on lands of HENRY BOWER conveyed to the said WILLIAM FRY and JOSEPH PARMENTOR, to the south east on land of HENRY BOWER conveyed unto the GRIMBALL dated the 5th day of January 1732-33. N.B. 100 acres of this tract was sold by ISAAC WILLMON unto Mathew Crese."

Memorials, Vol. 5, p. 298, South Carolina Archives

William Tilly came to America at age 22 in 1721 from Salisbury England. He was called to the ministry at Charleston and was ordained soon after 1731 at Edisto Island (later Euhaw Church). By his first wife he had one son, William, later a member of the Charleston Church. The Rev. William Tilly died at age 46 on April 14, 1744, and was buried on Edisto Island. The Rev. Isaac Chandler preached his funeral sermon. (Italics TOL'S)

His will was made on April 2 and recorded April 21, 1744. It mentions his son, William, and brother, Joseph of Warminister, England. Executors of his estate advertised his estate for sale on April 30, 1744. (S.E. Gazette).

The will mentions JANE PALMERTER (PARMENTER ?) of Port Royal, ELIZABETH SLACK of Edisto Island, Mrs. Hutchinson of James Island as devisees. They were probably members of his scatterd congregation. MATTHEW CREECE as one of the glebe for the Baptist. See Townsend, South Carolina Baptists 1670-1805, footnote page 38.

4. William Lawton on 10 June 1744 recites that he purchased from the Executors of William Tilly on the 14th and 15th day of April, 1744. (See Memorial Book 7, pp. 436, of South Carolina Archives)

200 acres of land in Colleton County, being part of a tract of land containing in the whole 300 acres and butting and boundang, etc., as appears by a plat thereof which was granted to BENJAMIN WILMON at the yearly rental of one stilling Proc moneh for every 100 acres.

on Edisto Island, etc. bounded
South: on the remaining 100 acres
West: on lands of ARCHIBALD CALDER
North: on a creek out of NORTH RIVER
East: on land formerly belonging to JOHN FRAMPTON

5. Captain William Lawton in his will of Ocotber 9, 1757, recorded October 15, 1757 in Will Book 1767-71, page 507, Charleston County Probate Court.

6. Joseph Lawton, Planter of Granville County and SARAH, his wife conbey 200 acres to JOHN HANAHAN merchant of Edisto Island, by deed dated 10 December 1774 and recorded on Dec. 1774 in Deed Book U-6, Dharleston County, R.M.C. Office.

RECITATIONS INCLUDE: WILLIAM LAWTON, a late planter of Edisto by his will recorded in the Office of the Secretary of the Province left the following land to his widow Mary Lawton, NOW MARY FICKLING, wife of SAMUEL FICKLING for life, and then to his son JOSEPH LAWTON. MARY FICKLING had released her interest on 10 December 1774 to her son JOSEPH LAWTON... that WILLIAM LAWTON became the owner of same by divers conveyances of the land was originally granted to BENJAMIN

WILMON as per original plat etc.

200 acres, more or less, formerly part of a 300 acre tract:
Bounded:
South: by the 100 acre part of said 300 acres now belonging to the PARSONAGE of a BAPTIST CONGRETATION, pricked off the original plat and distinguished by a line running South west 33 degrees.

West: land then of ARCHIBALD CALKER, now EPHRIAM MIKELL

North: on a creek out of North Edisto River

East: lands formerly of JOHN FRAMPTON, now of JOHN SEABROOK (JOSEPH LAWTON'S BROTHER IN LAW, HUSBAND OF HIS HALF SISTER SARAH LAWTON SEABROOK) as per plat, etc.

RESERVATIONS IN DEED: Savings and wxcepting the ONE QUARTER OF ACRE, MORE OR LESS, within the tract of a certain burial place and graveyard "WHERE THE FAMILY OF LAWTON AND THEIR OTHER KINDRED HERETOFORE HAD BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO BURY" This reservation (CAPITOLS TOL'S) is mentioned with the right of ingrees at least six different times in this deed.

(William E. Seabrook, Esq. a descendant of SARAH LAWTON SEABROOK, wrote Thomas O. Lawton, Jr on March 24, 1857 that Captain William Lawton and at least one of his wives are buried in the brick enclosed cemetery in an area now known as Hanahan's on SSteamboat Landing Road, Edisto Island.

Cousin William subsequently took me to the cemetery and I was probally the first of the Lawtons in a number of generations to visit it.

It is important to note that among the graves still marked are those of Sarah Lawton Seabrook (d. 1798), her husband John Seabrook (d. 1795), William Seabrook (Sarah's son, named for his Grandfather Lawton; his mansion where he entertained Layaffette still stands, not far from the cemetery).

ALL OF THIS TENDS TO SHOW THAT SOMEONE OR OTHERS WHOM JOSEPH LAWTON DESCRIBED AS THE OTHER NEAR KINDRED OF THE LAWTONS IS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY BEFORE 1774. Since this cemetery was on WILLIAM TILLY'S PLANTATION, COULD IT BE HE?

7. There are no doubt other conveyances after the Joseph Lawton to John Hanahan deed in 1774, but we should note that the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island through a judgment against JOHN JAMES HANAHAN RECEIVED A DEED FROM W.C. BOWEN, Sherriff of Charleston County on May 5, 1878, Deed Book N-14

page 131, of:

a plantation of 214 acres, more or less bounding: North and West by lands of Constantine Bailey; South by Public Road and East by road leading to the Steamboat Landing.

Mrs. Eugenia O. Hanahan on 17 October 1879 released her dower to the Church, Deed Book D-18, P. 87.

8. The 200 acre tract was divided into small parcels and sold mostly to black land owners. One of them was William Campbell Jr. who purchased 20 acres from other heirs in 1955. The deed refers to a plat by J.O. Taylor, made in 1882, recorded in Book C-2, page 494, Berkeley County.

And a kindly black owner, _____ Washington, owned a parcel near the cemetery in 1989.